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Richard H. Anderson
President and Chief Executive Officer

April 10, 2018

Mr. James M. Foote
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CSX Transportation, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Foote:

Jim:

I write to request your assistance and engagement in finalizing plans to restore intercity passenger rail service to the Gulf Coast, starting with two State Supported daily round trips between New Orleans and Mobile, in the next 12-18 months.

I propose that Amtrak and CSXT negotiating teams, with the Southern Rail Commission's support and guidance, seek to reach an agreement in principle on an operating plan and any necessary infrastructure improvements. Your timely commitment would ensure that the states sponsoring the service have the benefit of CSXT's input, as they prepare to apply for available grant funding to support operation of the service. If this is agreeable to you, Amtrak will promptly designate a negotiating team for this effort.

Thank you in advance for CSXT's cooperation and assistance with this important initiative. I am confident that Amtrak, CSXT, and the Southern Rail Commission can work together to develop this important service along the Gulf Coast Service.

Sincerely,

Richard

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President and Chief Executive Officer

cc: The Honorable Ronald Batory, Federal Railroad Administrator
The Honorable Phil Bryant, Governor of Mississippi
The Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor of Louisiana
The Honorable Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama

*P.S. This could be a very
successful service linking
fast growing coastal communities.*



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bcc: Stephen Gardner
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