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The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

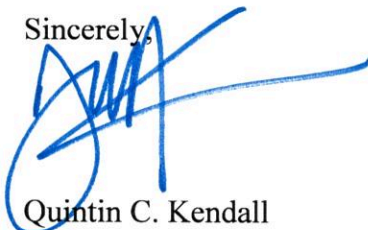
On behalf of CSX Transportation (“CSXT”), I am writing in support of the Florida Department of Transportation’s 2016 FASTLANE II grant application for the *North Florida Freight Rail Enhancement Program*.

As a rail-based transportation company headquartered in Jacksonville, CSXT offers its support for this initiative to improve freight fluidity through downtown and throughout North Florida. Further, as a business partner of the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC), we support their effort to improve operational efficiency.

Please note that all necessary agreements with the Florida Department of Transportation and applicable federal agencies will be complete to allow grant funds to be obligated sufficiently in advance of the statutory deadline, and any unexpected delays will not put the funds at risk of expiring before they are obligated. These agreements will be executed in a timely fashion allowing the project to begin construction quickly upon receipt of a FASTLANE grant, and that the grant funds will be spent expeditiously once construction starts.

Thank you for your consideration of this project and for the leadership you have demonstrated in addressing our nation’s transportation challenges.

Sincerely,



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