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Secretary Anthony Foxx
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I recently forwarded to you correspondence that expresses some of the concerns that the Indian River County Commission and the City Council of the City of Sebastian have about the All Aboard Florida rail project.

I recently received the following correspondence from the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce expressing their views regarding the proposed All Aboard Florida project. I would request that you also give their request, as representatives of the local business community, every consideration.

Having represented the residents of Florida's Space and Treasure Coasts for many years through my service on local boards, city council, the State Legislature and now the U.S. House of Representatives, I know how important it is to listen to the advice and concerns of local community residents and local leaders that I have the privilege of representing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Bill Posey
Member of Congress

CC: Administrator Joseph C. Szabo, Federal Railroad Administration



April 7, 2014

Mr. Joseph C. Szabo, Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Szabo:

I am writing to request an **extension of at least 45-days** to the time period in which the Federal Railroad Administration will receive public comments and responses to an anticipated Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the *All Aboard Florida* passenger rail project. I am also requesting that Indian River County be **granted an individual EIS county hearing** rather than participate in a larger meeting including many counties.

All Aboard Florida, a sister company to Florida East Coast Railroad, has proposed plans for a high-speed passenger rail service between Orlando, Florida and Miami, Florida. Their current plan is to run a total of 32 trains per day from 6:00am until 10:00pm between these cities. The communities located within our county, Indian River County, Florida and along Florida's Research Coast will be impacted by this new service.

It is our understanding that the Federal Railroad Administration is now completing the EIS which is expected to be public later this spring. We understand there will be a 45-day window of opportunity for the public to make comment at one of (possibly) four meeting anticipated to occur in the region between Palm Beach and Brevard counties.

There is a groundswell of interest in the *All Aboard Florida* project. I anticipate hundreds of individuals from Indian River County alone will attend and expect to speak at an EIS hearing. I know of the same interest and anticipate the same from St. Lucie and Martin counties.

It is important that the people of this area of Florida be provided ample opportunity to comment on the EIS and that we be provided individual county meetings in which to participate.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Penny Chandler
President

cc: Indian River County, Attorney City of Sebastian, Attorney
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