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Mai Dinh, Director
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395 E Street, SW
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Re. *Railroad Grade Crossing Aggregation Impacts.*

Request For Comments Finance Docket #36873.

Dear Ms. Dinh:

Once or twice a year Action News JAX which is a media presence in Jacksonville, Florida has a news type of article about lengthy trains moving through grade crossings in Jacksonville. They usually feature onsite interviews with individuals such as soccer moms in their vehicles, and in a somewhat recent case one soccer mom was able to order a delivery of Panera Bread while awaiting the long-moving train to clear the well-guarded railroad crossing preventing long lines of vehicles from moving to their destinations.

I think this scene is relevant to Finance Docket #36873 because it demonstrates the reality of all railroad mergers in the United States: Aggregation.

Single line railroad service is often stated as a reason to approve railroad mergers and single line railroad service also comes at a price: longer trains and a reality that will impact many communities across this proposed merger.

I'm asking your office to consider the impacts of aggregation as this complex finance docket is considered before the Surface Transportation Board.

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Sincerely,
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cc. Parties of Record.