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United States Department of Transportation
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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Attention: Office of Program Delivery

RE: Wilmington Rail Realignment Project Application for CRISI Grant

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of CSX Transportation (CSXT) for the Wilmington Rail Realignment Project grant application for preliminary engineering funds and documents required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) submitted by the City of Wilmington, NC.

The overall project seeks to realign rail service to the Port of Wilmington, relieving congestion in the city, reducing the number of at-grade crossings and providing a more direct rail route to and from the Port of Wilmington for CSXT.

CSX has been an active participant in the Mayor's Task Force in Wilmington to study this project and will continue to participate in discussions with city leaders on this project. Future consideration must be given to existing rail customers along the current alignment, as well as compensation for any CSX property intended to be used for any part of this project.

However, we are supportive of this application and of continued design and review of the project. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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