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The Honorable David Fink
Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Alabama Port Authority's New Horizons Project – Mobile, Alabama CRISI Grant Application

Dear Administrator Fink:

We write on behalf of CSX in support of Alabama Port Authority's (APA) application for federal funding under the FY2025-2026 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant for their New Horizons Project in Mobile, Alabama.

The Alabama Port Authority provides essential transportation services for Alabama customers through CSX and other railroads on its 75-mile track network. Imports and exports in this region are growing and APA's railroad experiences congestion due to increased demand. This project will increase capacity and APA's ability to better service its customers in a safe and efficient manner while growing its workforce.

The project involves final engineering design, federal environmental approval, installation of approximately seven miles of new rail track, and automating flat switching yard conversion. Including final engineering and NEPA requirements, the project assumes 24 months for completion.

This project will allow for critical capacity improvements to support rail connectivity across the Southeast and Midwest regions of the U.S. In early 2027, the Alabama Port Authority's Montgomery Intermodal Container Transfer Facility on CSX is set to open – allowing the transfer of up to 60,000 TEUs between the port and inland to Montgomery. Just the prospect of this facility has already fueled over \$3 billion in industrial development around the surrounding area.

Thanks to investments from the Administration, Congress, and State efforts, Alabama - from the Port of Mobile to Huntsville - is experiencing record-breaking economic development driven by massive investments. Statewide, 2025 projects yielded a historic \$14.6 billion in capital investment and 9,388 new jobs, with several cities outpacing national averages in population and employment growth.



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The project in Mobile will eliminate chokepoints and aging infrastructure that affects safe operations, economic losses, and operational efficiency. As noted within the 2026 National Freight Strategic Plan, short line infrastructure constraints are a modal challenge for the country. The implementation of this project will efficiently contribute to the improvement of the associated corridor network that can safely transport goods and improve reliability and resiliency. Federal investment in this project will help improve rail efficiency in the region, Alabama, and America.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Tom Livingston
VP, Government Affairs

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Jay Strongosky
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