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The Honorable Gerry Connolly 2238 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

Re: Hearing Titled "Examining Tax-Exempt Private Activity Bonds for All Aboard Florida's Brightline Passenger Rail System"

Dear Representative Connolly:

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for conducting the most recent U.S. House Subcommittee on Government Operations hearing titled "Examining Tax-Exempt Private Activity Bonds for All Aboard Florida's Brightline Passenger Rail System."

The adverse safety and financial impacts of the Brightline service are very important to the citizens of my community as well as the citizens along the Treasure Coast of Florida. Thank you for taking the time to listen to our concerns about the Brightline project, and for continuing to inquire about the legitimacy of the two separate allocations of private activity bonds that were made by the United States Department of Transportation to All Aboard Florida.

If I can be of assistance in any way, or should you need additional information about this matter, please contact me at (772) 226-1441.

Sincerely,

Peter D. O'Bryan Chairman Indian River County Board of County Commissioners

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