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

RE: Request for Extended Comment Period for All Aboard Florida High Speed Rail EIS

Dear Mr. Szabo:

Please be advised that on April 1, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County unanimously voted to formally request **additional** time in excess of the normal 45-day period to review and comment on the initial (draft) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the West Palm Beach to Orlando segment of the All Aboard Florida High Speed Rail proposal.

While acknowledging that federal policy allows up to an additional 45 days to review the draft EIS (for a total of 90 review days), the Board of County Commissioners requested a total of 180 review days. This period was specifically requested because of the length of the segment, complexity of project issues, and overwhelming number of public comments and concerns expressed by the citizens of Indian River County. Should the Federal Rail Administration be unable to grant a 180-day review period, the County would like to request 45 additional days. Thank-you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Stan Boling, Community Development Director

Cc: Peter O'Bryan, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
Joseph A. Baird, County Administrator
Dylan Reingold, County Attorney
Secretary Ananth Prasad, Florida Department of Transportation
Secretary Anthony Foxx, United States Department of Transportation