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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
AND CITY COMMISSION
Florida

March 21, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the City of Fort Pierce I am writing to express our strong support for the Florida East Coast Corridor Trespassing and Intrusion Mitigation Project. This RAISE grant application is an approximately \$45 million investment by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Brightline Trains Florida LLC (Brightline). The enhancements proposed will provide a safer environment for the more than 7.2 million residents who live in those counties and millions of visitors who traverse the corridor every day.

The Project will construct supplemental safety measures at grade crossings and along segments of the corridor between Miami Dade County and Brevard County. The railroad improvements will include safety features such as channelization fencing and landscaping, crossing delineators, additional dynamic envelope striping and signage upgrades. The grant investment will enable safety enhancements across more than 200 miles of rail corridor that serves both passenger and freight and are proven features that have reduced trespassing in similar applications.

The existing rail corridor currently accommodates freight service with approximately 14 trains per day, and Brightline operates 32 trains per day between Miami and West Palm Beach. In 2023, Brightline will commence operations to Orlando, and the 245-mile corridor between Miami and Orlando will see 32 daily Brightline trains in addition to the existing FECR trains.

We appreciate your consideration and respectfully request that you support RAISE grant funding for this vital project. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Hudson,
Mayor