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The Honorable Rick Scott  
Office of Governor Scott  
State of Florida  
The Capitol  
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TREASURE COAST  
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Re: Extension of the Public Comment Period for the All Aboard Florida Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Governor Scott:

The City of Fort Pierce Commission agrees with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council that it is critical for governments and citizens to have 90 days to comment on the draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS) that will be forthcoming from the Federal Railroad Administration on All Aboard Florida. We request your assistance in trying to obtain the longer comment period of 90 days from the Federal Railroad Administration.

We recognize that All Aboard Florida is viewed as beneficial for Florida, especially for the densely populated Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Orange counties. That view should at least be balanced with the possible harmful effects of 32 high speed trains traveling through the City of Fort Pierce and other Treasure Coast communities along the Indian River Lagoon. Already facing financial economic challenges, Fort Pierce needs the additional time to allow staff and citizens to thoroughly evaluate and prepare comments on the public safety and long term economic and environmental impacts on our city and its residents. We see the longer comment period as a benefit to the Federal Railroad Administration and All Aboard Florida, because it would demonstrate a good faith effort to listen to *all* citizens and not just those areas that will derive a direct benefit.

Thank you for helping the citizens of the City of Fort Pierce adequately convey their concerns to the Federal Railroad Administration about All Aboard Florida.

Sincerely,

Linda Hudson  
Mayor

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c: Members of the Fort Pierce City Commission  
Treasure Coast Local Governments  
St. Lucie County Legislative Delegation  
Treasure Coast Congressional Delegation