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Federal Railroad Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Letter of Support for Seminole Gulf Railway, LP's 2025-2026 CRISI Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as evidence of Charlotte County's support for Seminole Gulf Railway, LP's ("SGLR") 2025-2026 CRISI grant application to improve the rail lines between Arcadia, Florida and Punta Gorda, Florida, including a significant portion of SGLR's Fort Myers line serving Southwest Florida.

Charlotte County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida serving the residents, businesses, and visitors of Southwest Florida. We understand that Seminole Gulf Railway seeks to significantly upgrade the track structure to improve efficiency, safety, and freight rail service throughout the region.

At the regional level, enhanced rail transportation reduces truck traffic and impacts on local roads, improves freight mobility, and provides one of the lowest carbon-emission freight transportation options available. The proposed improvements further help maintain freight activity within existing transportation corridors, minimizing sprawl and supporting long-term economic development objectives.

Seminole Gulf Railway operates approximately 111 miles of rail lines across Southwest Florida and directly serves Manatee, Sarasota, DeSoto, Charlotte, Lee, and Collier Counties. SGLR transports critical commodities including drywall, lumber, aggregates, propane, plastics, recyclables, and other materials essential to continued regional growth and resiliency.

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Charlotte County foresees that the proposed track improvements will enhance the reliability and resiliency of freight rail infrastructure serving Southwest Florida, improve the regional environmental footprint, reduce roadway congestion impacts associated with truck traffic, and support continued economic growth throughout the region.

Charlotte County appreciates the opportunity to support Seminole Gulf Railway's CRISI grant application and encourages favorable consideration of the application by the Federal Railroad Administration.

Respectfully,

Joseph M. Tiseo
Chairman

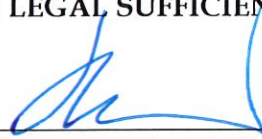
cc: Seminole Gulf Railway, LP

ATTEST:

Roger D. Eaton, Clerk of Circuit Court and
Ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County
Commissioners

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

By:  _____
Thomas M. David, County Attorney
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