



January 29, 2018

Brightline
161 NW 6th street
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Attn: Patrick Goddard

Dear Mr. Goddard,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding high-speed rail safety. While we appreciate Brightline's claimed commitment to safety, the four fatalities in rapid succession caused by the new trains indicate it will take more than just a public awareness campaign to address the dangers associated with your train.

Adequately protecting the public from faster moving trains they are not accustomed to requires infrastructure changes and high-tech improvements along the rail corridor and at its many at grade crossings. These costs should not be heaped on the local communities by way of maintenance bills for millions of dollars in the future.

For nearly four years, we have repeatedly tried to meet privately with your predecessors to seek a constructive conversation about the community's safety needs. We did not send a letter released for press purposes as you did. Past communications from All Aboard Florida threatened legal action for speaking out in opposition.

All Aboard Florida and Brightline have consistently rejected equipping the railroad with available technology that would immediately alert the company when gates are malfunctioning. We wish to discuss that issue with you as an example of the steps that would make the railroad safer. We also want to discuss separating cars, bikes and pedestrians from the at grade crossings.

For years we have heard All Aboard Florida and Brightline promise to address safety issues, environmental concerns, rail bridge issues that would negatively affect maritime navigability for much of the day, and noise related concerns, as well as the installation of FRA recommended safety technologies. However, your service has already began, and communities along your route are still waiting for much-needed safety guards. So you can understand why we look at what All Aboard Florida does more than what it says.

Promises made have to be promises kept.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,

Brent P. Hanlon
Chairman

January 23, 2018

Mr. Brent Hanlon
Chairman, Citizens Against Rail Expansion

Dear Mr. Hanlon,

At Brightline, we believe in working collaboratively with relevant agencies, partners, our community and others to improve awareness and education around railroad safety. Both passenger and freight operating railroads provide significant economic benefit to the State of Florida and are vital transportation options. While our organizations share different missions, we both share safety as a top priority.

Last week, we outlined an expansion of an ongoing campaign with our long-time partner Operation Lifesaver (OLI). Brightline's education efforts launched over a year ago with public service announcements, partnerships with South Florida school districts, education seminars and a community-centric campaign with partners like OLI. OLI is a nonprofit public safety education and awareness organization dedicated to reducing fatalities and preventing trespassing on or near railroad tracks.

The purpose of this expanded initiative is to find new partners who are interested in educating the communities across Florida about safety near active railroads. Our hope is to build a strong coalition to amplify that message. This initiative will require great support from our partners including identifying and training volunteers and participating in events like National Rail Safety Week. Brightline is dedicated to the success and mission of OLI.

We are making this request of CARE because your website and marketing materials state "*Safety is one of our top concerns.*" What better way to communicate this message than to drop our political differences in the interest of working together for the betterment of our communities, schools and residents. A partnership like this would establish an unparalleled example of compromise and commitment to doing what is right.

Please contact me if you would like to participate in this important initiative.

Regards,



Patrick Goddard
President and Chief Operating Officer