



June 2, 2014

Donald C. Robinson
President & Chief Operating Officer
Florida East Coast Industries
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Dear Mr. Robinson:

As a key provider of emergency health care services on the Treasure Coast, Martin Health System has significant concerns about the potential impact of the All Aboard Florida project to our patients, physicians, and caregivers. Most concerning is the fact that All Aboard Florida has yet to demonstrate how it will minimize disruption in downtown Stuart, south Stuart, Hobe Sound, Jensen Beach and other areas around our hospitals and outpatient facilities, and mitigate safety issues related to the substantial increase in rail traffic.

Martin Health believes that significantly increasing the number and speed of trains passing through downtown Stuart and neighboring communities will result in additional roadway congestion, critical time delays and the increased potential for accidents. These factors could adversely impact the access to and quality of emergency and urgent healthcare services in the region.

We believe All Aboard Florida must work closely with local officials in each of our communities to ensure that response times for emergency vehicles are not negatively impacted and to mitigate any other potential issues.

Martin Health is committed to providing the best clinical outcomes in emergency situations. We are encouraging our community leaders to consider the impact of All Aboard Florida to:

- Patients emergently being transported to the hospital from the field or other hospitals for emergency care (Cardiac, Stroke, Neurological, OB, Respiratory – slight delays for these types of critical services can result in adverse patient outcomes and possibly death)
- Patients being transported by water to our emergency dock and the delays that will occur from the lift cycle of the train trestles.
- Patients emergently being transported to other hospitals for higher level emergency care (Trauma, Pediatrics, Burns)
- On-call physicians and staff responding to emergency call (OB, Surgery, Cardiac, Neurology)

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At a minimum, we believe a study is needed to evaluate the impact on emergency response services that address the following concerns:

- Are there any crossings that don't have an alternative route for emergency vehicles to use?
- What is the amount of time that a roadway/rail crossing will be blocked on an average day?
- What kinds of slowdowns will be caused due to bridge closings?
- What is the likelihood that a given emergency responder will be stopped for a train?
- What is the potential for extended train breakdowns/accidents?

Until these and other questions and concerns are addressed to our satisfaction, we will oppose this initiative through an ongoing dialog with our local and state legislators, the healthcare community, the local media and the community at-large.

We appreciate your time and hope to hear from you regarding these concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark Robitaille
President and CEO