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Eugene Louis Dodaro
Comptroller General of the United States
Government Accountability Office
441 G St NW
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Comptroller General Dodaro,

All Aboard Florida's (AAF) plan to run 32 additional trains daily through the Palm Beaches and the Treasure Coast of Florida poses significant threats to our community's public safety, economy, and way of life. Although initially sold as a "private" project, AAF is actually seeking more than a billion dollars in taxpayer-backed loans from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). Before the FRA risks public money on this project, it is imperative that AAF's relevant financial viability be thoroughly reviewed.

I applaud my colleague Congressman Bill Posey for joining the thousands of voices concerned about this financially risky and potentially disruptive project, and I fully support his call for the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to examine AAF's true cost to taxpayers. A comprehensive evaluation of AAF's viability is necessary to ensure that our tax dollars are not used as an irresponsible handout to a company that could not be profitable on its own.

I thank you for your office's efforts to eliminate government waste, and I look forward to working with you to make this request a reality.

Sincerely,

Patrick E. Murphy
MEMBER OF CONGRESS