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Dear Neighbor,

As you may know, I have been deeply concerned about the safety of the Brightline rail project since it was first announced. Recent events, including the deaths of two individuals in less than a week, have highlighted how rail expansion on the Treasure Coast could lead to additional tragedies—whether it is at one of the many at-grade crossings, along the un-fenced railways between stops or on one of the bridges they intend to use.

Before the proposed expansion of Brightline goes through, it is imperative that we understand the consequences of expanding rail traffic on our bridges. **That's why, at my request, the U.S. Coast Guard is completing a study into the use of our waterways, and they're asking for your input.**

Your comments are critical to ensuring the Coast Guard understands how our community uses these waterways and the impact that expanded rail traffic would have moving forward. After the study, they will make a determination impacting how frequently Brightline is allowed to run trains through our community.

The deadline to complete this critical survey is February 1, 2018. If you have any feedback on this project, please fill out this survey ASAP at:

WWW.TINYURL.COM/COASTGUARDSTUDY

Please note: the survey is being completed by the U.S. Coast Guard in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security—nobody else will have access to your information.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,



Brian J. Mast
Member of Congress

*Enclosure:
Print Out of Survey Questions*