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Dear Chairman Elliot, Vice Chairman Mulvey and Member Begeman:

Re: Genesee & Wyoming control of RailAmerica  
STB Finance Docket No. 35654

I am writing to encourage you to provide an expedited review of the Genesee & Wyoming's application seeking approval to control RailAmerica and its 45 short line railroads. The United Transportation Union (UTU) supports this application and the continuing growth of our railroad industry.

This acquisition will help grow this segment of the rail industry by creating many new opportunities for improved and expanded service for our varied rail customers. Today UTU represents a large percentage of the employees of both entities and expects this transaction to provide additional employment opportunities with increases in rail traffic and new customers.

We look forward to the results of your consideration of this application.

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "M.B. Futhey, Jr." in a cursive style.

Malcolm B. Futhey, Jr. – President  
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