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Keith Golden, P.E.  
on behalf of the  
Georgia Department of Transportation

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My name is Keith Golden. I am the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 W. Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30308. I have served in this capacity since April of 2012.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is responsible for providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to its citizens and the environment. Highways, Aviation, Transit, Waterways and Rail are all integral components of our statewide transportation system.

I understand that recently announced was the proposed acquisition of RailAmerica by Genesee & Wyoming Inc. Our Department enjoys a very constructive working relationship with the short line railroads owned by Genesee & Wyoming in Georgia, and write you to strongly support this transaction.

Genesee & Wyoming Inc. is a great partner in our regional freight transportation network. They have a strong history of buying short line railroads, investing in them, and developing long term growth opportunities. This in turn helps maintain and grow industrial sector jobs in communities across our state.

In addition, we have been impressed with Genesee & Wyoming's very strong focus on safety, as they are an industry leader in rail safety.

For these reasons, the Department strongly supports this proposal, and asks for expedited review and approval by the Surface Transportation Board.

I, Keith Golden, declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States, that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this verified statement.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Golden".

Keith Golden, P.E., Commissioner, Georgia Department of Transportation  
July 30, 2012