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VERIFIED STATEMENT  
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**David Bernhardt**  
on behalf of the  
**Maine Department of Transportation**

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My name is David Bernhardt. I am the Commissioner of the State of Maine, Department of Transportation. I have served in this capacity since February of 2011.

I understand that recently was announced the proposed acquisition of RailAmerica by Genesee & Wyoming Inc. I enjoy a very constructive working relationship with the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad owned by Genesee & Wyoming in Auburn, Maine and write you to strongly support this transaction.

Genesee & Wyoming Inc. is a great partner in our regional freight transportation network. It has a strong history of buying other short line railroads, investing in them, and developing long term growth opportunities. This in turn helps maintain and grow industrial sector jobs in our communities. This transaction will grow the freight rail connections and opportunities to Maine businesses.

In addition, I have been very impressed with the very strong focus of safety at Genesee & Wyoming. It is an industry leader in rail safety, and this is a direct reflection in its commitment to provide superior service to the communities along its lines.

For these reasons, I strongly support this proposal, and ask for expedited review and approval of it by the Surface Transportation Board.

I, David Bernhardt, 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.

David Bernhardt

July 24, 2012



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