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Mr. Daniel R. Elliott III  
Chairman  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: STB Docket No. FD 35654

Dear Chairman Elliott:

It has been brought to our attention that Genesee & Wyoming, Inc. recently announced a proposal for acquisition of RailAmerica, Inc.

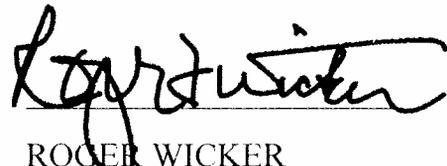
We remain committed to maintaining a comprehensive railroad network that meets the needs of Mississippi businesses and provides substantial economic benefits. In this time of increasing competition in the global marketplace, it is important that communities and states have access to the services that short line common carrier freight railroads provide.

As the Surface Transportation Board makes its judgment in this matter, we would appreciate your giving this transaction full consideration, commensurate with its merits.

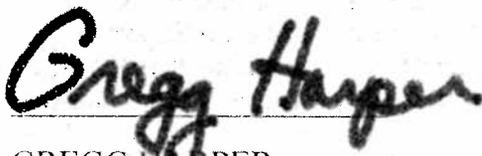
Sincerely,



THAD COCHRAN  
United States Senator



ROGER WICKER  
United States Senator



GREGG HARPER  
Member of Congress



ALAN NUNNELEE  
Member of Congress