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Dear Mr. Elliot, Dr. Mulvey, and Ms. Begeman:

I am writing in regard to the Surface Transportation Board's Docket Number FD 35654. As you know Genesee & Wyoming, Inc. has agreed to purchase RailAmerica, Inc. This acquisition would combine the two largest short-line railroad operators in North America.

I urge the Board's timely review of this acquisition, consistent with your published policies and procedures. I appreciate your consideration, and should you or your staff have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Andrew Blaylock of my staff.

Sincerely,



JOHN CORNYN
United States Senator