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Mr. Daniel R. Elliott, Chairman  
Surface Transportation Board  
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Dear Chairman Elliott:

It has been brought to my attention that Genesee & Wyoming Inc. recently announced the proposed acquisition of RailAmerica. For the past two years, I have seen firsthand the quality service that the Utah Railway—owned by Genesee & Wyoming—provides to local shippers in my district, and write you to strongly support an expedited review and approval of this transaction.

Genesee & Wyoming Inc. is a great partner in our regional freight transportation network. Through its trackage rights, the Utah Railway hauls coal from Grand Junction, Colorado to interchange with larger railroads helping to transport local natural resources produced in Colorado's third congressional district to the national freight railroad network.

Since Genesee & Wyoming Inc. began operations in 1899, it has bought other short line railroads and invested in their infrastructure in order to develop long term growth opportunities. This work is absolutely critical to help us maintain and grow industrial sector jobs in our communities. Genesee & Wyoming understands the importance of the services a short line common carrier freight railroad provides to the communities and states its serves.

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

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Scott Tipton  
Member of Congress