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and a portion of Grant County



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VERIFIED STATEMENT
Of
Representative Cliff Bentz
On behalf of the
Oregon Legislative Assembly—House District 60

To whom it may concern:

I am the State Representative for District 60 and Co-Chair of the Oregon State Legislature's Committee on Transportation & Economic Development. I have served in this capacity for about two years. I have been a member of the Oregon Legislature since January 2008. I am also Co-Chair of the Columbia River Crossing Oversight Committee.

In my capacity as a State Legislator and as Co-Chair of these transportation committees, the availability of safe, efficient, and competitive rail services is apparent and extremely important.

I support the acquisition of RailAmerica, Inc., by Genesee & Wyoming Inc. ("G&W"), a parent company of Portland & Western Railroad. I have had the pleasure of working with Portland & Western Railroad on many issues. I have found the organization to be supportive of its customers, and extraordinarily valuable to Oregon in general.

I note that in a formal 2011 survey of all G&W railroad customers conducted by a noted survey firm, that G&W railroads scored higher levels of customer satisfaction than the trucking and overall rail freight industries. The attributes scored highest by G&W railroad customers were commitment to safety and professionalism of employees. Obviously, these attributes are important to all of us.

I encourage favorable consideration of the proposed transaction and I am hopeful that this acquisition will improve Oregon's transportation options.

I, Cliff Bentz, 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.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cliff Bentz", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Representative Cliff Bentz
House District 60