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The Honorable Daniel Elliott  
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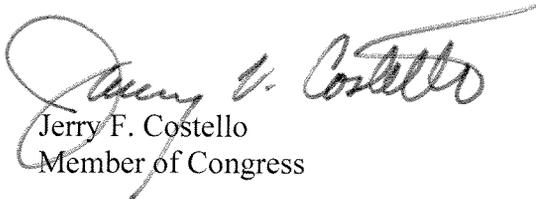
Dear Chairman Elliott:

I am writing regarding the proposed acquisition of RailAmerica by Genesee & Wyoming, Inc., and urge you to give it timely and thorough consideration.

Genesee & Wyoming has a strong safety record and understands the importance of the services a short line common carrier freight railroad provides to the communities and states it serves. The combination of these operators, which have complimentary networks and a presence in Illinois, should make our transportation system more efficient and create further economic development opportunities. Overall, the transaction should allow Genesee & Wyoming to offer better service to its customers with cumulative benefits for the national economy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

  
Jerry F. Costello  
Member of Congress