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VERIFIED STATEMENT

of

John R. Cooper
on behalf of the

Alabama Department of Transportation

My name is John R. Cooper. I am the Transportation Director of the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama 36110. I have served in this capacity since January of 2011.

ALDOT's goal is to provide a safe, efficient, environmentally sound intermodal transportation system for all users, especially the taxpayers of Alabama; to also facilitate economic and social development and prosperity through the efficient movement of people and goods and to facilitate intermodal connections within Alabama. ALDOT must also demand excellence in transportation and be involved in promoting adequate funding to promote and maintain Alabama's transportation infrastructure.

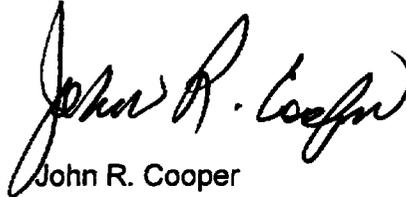
ALDOT supports the acquisition of RailAmerica, Inc. (RA), by Genesee & Wyoming Inc. (GWI).

From an economic and industrial approach, the acquisition could bring additional industry to the state. We believe a safe railroad is an efficient railroad, and one that will allow our customers to fully capture the benefits of fuel efficient and cost effective rail freight transportation. We anticipate that locally focused customer service efforts will enhance supply chains for GWI and RA's combined customer bases. We anticipate that the broader reach of the GWI and RA railroads will increase the likelihood for prospective industrial and manufacturing development opportunities locating in the communities we serve.

From a Highway-Rail Administrative position, working with a single entity rather than as many as eight shortlines would be an advantage. GWI has always provided a professional relationship and responds to our requests in a timely manner.

I encourage favorable consideration for the RA/GWI transaction and the enhanced transportation options and services it will bring.

I, John R. Cooper, 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.

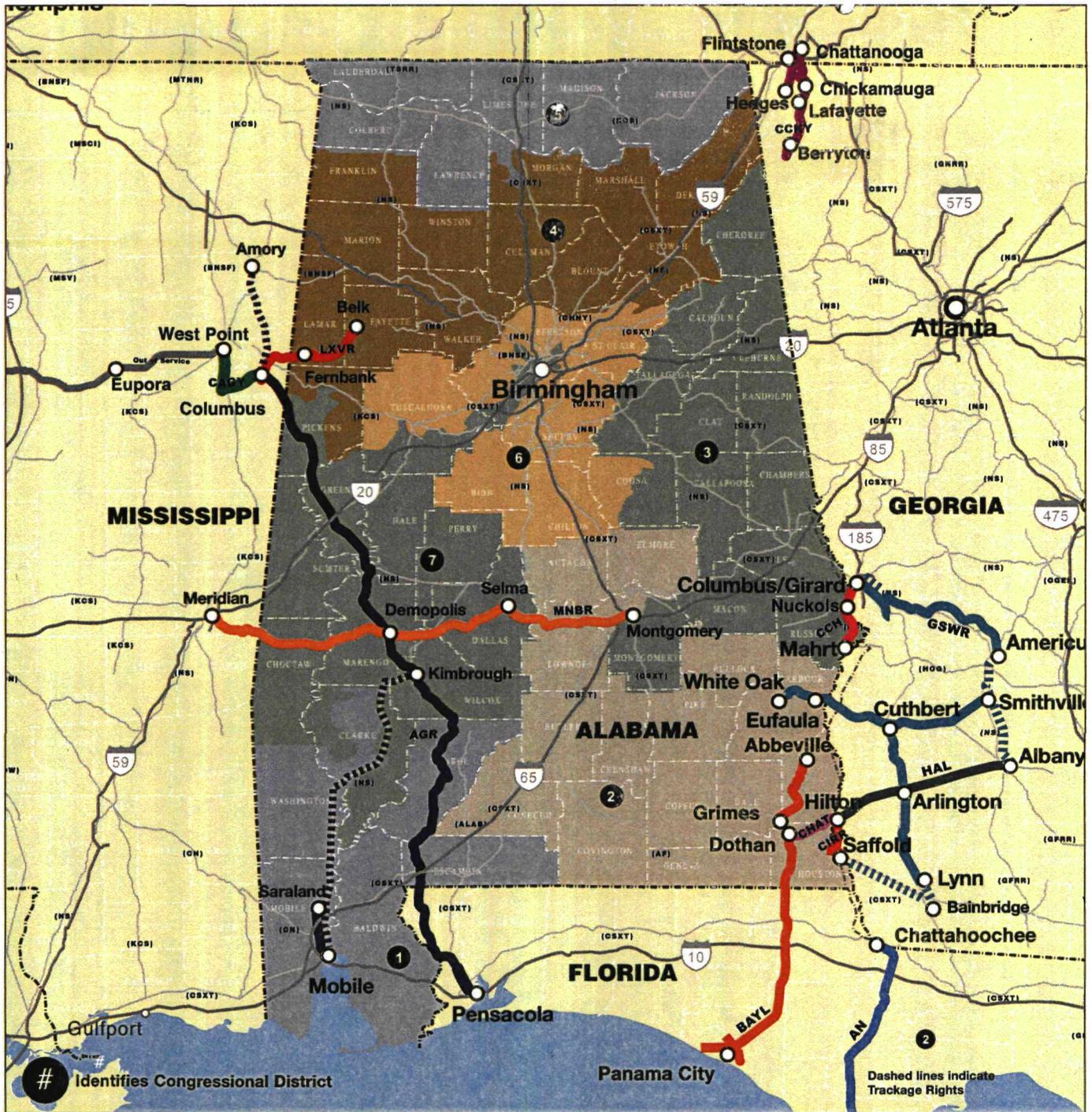
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John R. Cooper

Transportation Director

Alabama Department of Transportation

July 30, 2012



Genesee & Wyoming (GWI) Railroads in Alabama

-  BAYL The Bay Line Railroad, L.L.C.
-  CCH Columbus & Chattahoochee Railroad, Inc.
-  CHAT Chattahoochee Bay Railroad, Inc.
-  GSWR Georgia Southwestern Railroad, L.P.
-  LXVR Luxapalila Valley Railroad, Inc.
-  MNBR Meridian & Bigbee Railroad, L.L.C.

RailAmerica in Alabama

-  AGR The Alabama & Gulf Coast Railway

GWI Nearby Railroads

-  AN AN Railway, L.L.C.
-  CAGY Columbus and Greenville Railway Company
-  CIRR Chattahoochee Industrial Railroad
-  CCKY Chattooga & Chickamauga Railway Co.
-  HAL Hilton & Albany Railroad, Inc.

