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The Honorable Daniel Elliott  
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Surface Transportation Board  
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Dear Chairman Elliott:

I am contacting you regarding the recently announced proposed acquisition of RailAmerica by Genesee & Wyoming Inc. and to express my support for this proposal.

The proposed transaction will provide a number of public benefits, including expanding current and future rail customers' transportation options. Specifically, I believe this proposal will strengthen our nation's freight rail infrastructure, improve safety, and contribute to increased economic development. Furthermore, the railroad geographies of the two organizations are complimentary and, as I understand the transaction, it will clearly not result in any anticompetitive effects. In sum, I believe the proposed transaction will strengthen the ability of Genesee & Wyoming to offer local, flexible, responsive operations.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my views. I look forward to the expedited review and full and fair consideration of the proposed transaction by the Surface Transportation Board. Please contact me or my Deputy Chief of Staff, Stephen Martinko, at 202-225-2431 if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



Bill Shuster  
Member of Congress

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