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VERIFIED STATEMENT  
of

Robert L. Johnson  
Mississippi House Transportation Committee Chairman

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Mr. Daniel R. Elliott  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E. Street SW  
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Mr. Elliott:

I understand that recently was named the proposed acquisition of RailAmerica by Genesee & Wyoming In

Genesee & Wyoming Inc. is a great partner in our regional freight transportation network. It has a strong history of buying other short line railroads, investing in them, and developing long term growth opportunities. This in turn helps maintain and grow industrial sector jobs in our communities.

In addition, Genesee & Wyoming is an industry leader in rail safety, and this is a direct reflection of its commitment to provide superior service to the communities along its lines.

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

I, Robert L. Johnson, 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.

  
Robert L. Johnson  
Chairman, House Transportation Committee  
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