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VERIFIED STATEMENT
of
Hon. Martin Malavé Dilan
New York State Senate

My name is Martin Malavé Dilan. I represent New York's 17th Senate District encompassing parts of Kings County. I have served in the state legislature since 2002 and I am the former Chair, and current ranking member of the Senate Transportation Committee.

Genesee & Wyoming Inc., recently announced its proposed acquisition of RailAmerica, a short-line rail company. Genesee & Wyoming owns and operates several short-line and regional railroads in Western New York. Throughout the state, it is respected member of the business community. I write in support of this acquisition.

Genesee & Wyoming is a key component of our statewide freight transportation network. The company has been active in the freight rail industry since its 1899 founding here in New York. It has a strong record 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, I have been very impressed with Genesee & Wyoming's focus on safety. It is an industry leader in this area. In 2011 two of its railroads won the E.H. Harriman Award in recognition of their safety records and Genesee & Wyoming's commitment to provide service to the communities along its lines.

For these reasons, I strongly support Genesee & Wyoming Inc.'s acquisition of RailAmerica and ask for expedited review and approval of it by the Surface Transportation Board.

I, Martin Malavé Dilan, 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.

Hon. Martin Malavé Dilan, 17th SD

July 26, 2012