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Mr. Daniel R. Elliott
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Dear Chairman Elliott:

I am writing to you today to express my support for the proposed acquisition of RailAmerica by Genesee & Wyoming Inc.

This proposed transaction, if approved, would provide many benefits to not only my constituents, but to freight rail customers across the country. Both companies have demonstrated a strong record of safe operation, community engagement, and economic development. By acquiring Rail America, Genesee & Wyoming will be able deepen their commitment to our local communities while maintaining their high standards of service. From what I understand, the planned acquisition is not anti-competitive, and will provide improved and expanded services for short line rail customers across the country. This transaction is not only in the best interest of these two companies and their workers but it is also in the best interest of the American people.

I look forward to the expedited review of this proposed acquisition by the Surface Transportation Board and appreciate you taking my views into account. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Patrick Meehan
Member of Congress