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Mr. Daniel R. Elliott
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
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Re: STB Docket No. FD 35654

Dear Chairman Elliott:

I understand the proposed acquisition of RailAmerica, Inc. by Genesee & Wyoming, Inc. has been announced. I have been an active supporter of efforts to increase the viability of short line freight railroad service in southern Indiana, and across the nation.

RailAmerica, Inc. is the owner of one of the major rail connections in my Congressional District – the Indiana Southern Railroad (ISRR). I have hi-railed this railroad and I know that is a critical link for major employers in my district.

I respect and appreciate your duty to review railroad transactions in order to protect railroad customers across America. I ask only that your review of this item be done in a manner that is efficient, expedited, and in keeping with the traditional handling of short line railroad transactions that do not involve the mergers of large railroads that interchange traffic with one another.

An unnecessarily burdensome review process could create unnecessary delay and uncertainty. I have seen the ISRR, and I know that long-term investment decisions must be made to keep Indiana coal and other commodities moving efficiently. A quick review will help to provide the certainty necessary for long-term infrastructure investments. For these reasons, I hope the STB will review this transaction on an expedited basis.

Sincerely,


Larry Bucshon