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RE: STB Docket No. FD 35654

Dear Chairman Elliott:

My name is Senator Joseph B. Scarnati. I represent Pennsylvania's 25th Senatorial District, which encompasses all or parts of eight counties along the Northern Tier of the Commonwealth. I have served as a State Senator since 2001 and as President Pro Tempore of the Pennsylvania Senate since 2006.

On July 23, Genesee & Wyoming Inc. publicly announced the proposed acquisition of RailAmerica. During my time in the legislature, I have worked with the Genesee & Wyoming short line railroad Buffalo and Pittsburgh RR in Pennsylvania.

My experiences working with Genesee & Wyoming have been very positive. Genesee & Wyoming railroads provide freight service to many areas of the 25th senatorial district that otherwise would have no access to the national rail network without short line service.

I have found safety to be a key area of focus for Genesee & Wyoming Inc. Two of its railroads won the 2011 Harriman rail safety awards. Their operations in Pennsylvania demonstrate this commitment to safety.

The overall corporate focus of Genesee & Wyoming Inc. will definitely enhance the short line railroads now operated by RailAmerica. For these reasons, I strongly support this proposal, and ask for expedited review and approval of it by the Surface Transportation Board.

I, Joseph B. Scarnati, 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 to file this verified statement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph B. Scarnati".

Joseph B. Scarnati
State Senator- 25th Senatorial District

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