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Daniel R. Elliot III, Chairman
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RE: Genesee & Wyoming Inc.- Acquisition of Control Exemption- Providence and Worcester Railroad Company Docket #36064

Dear Chairman Elliot:

I previously wrote to your Honorable Board on August 16, 2016, representing the city of Worcester and Worcester Redevelopment Authority ("WRA") in support of the Boston Surface Railroad Company's Petition For Partial Exemption From 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV in conjunction with its plans to initiate private passenger service between Worcester, MA and Providence, RI on the Providence and Worcester Railroad (Finance Docket 36043). I note that your Board granted the exemption in a decision dated September 13, 2016.

Today I write on behalf of both the City administration and the WRA to express our continued support for Boston Surface Railroad Company's ("BSRC") plans, and our concern over how those plans may be affected by the proposed change in the control of the Providence and Worcester Railroad by Genesee & Wyoming, Inc.

It is my understanding that BSRC and Providence & Worcester have made substantial progress towards the working and customer relationship that is obviously required. I wrote previously of the importance of this transportation option and the economic benefit to Worcester and the entire passenger corridor that will be realized by BSRC's direct link to the Amtrak intercity network. Therefore it is imperative that Genesee & Wyoming continue working with BSRC to establish this important passenger rail service.

In conclusion, I do not write to oppose the merger but I respectfully request that any approval of the merger be contingent on Genesee & Wyoming's willingness to proceed with BSRC to initiate the passenger service this Board has previously approved.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Traynor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "M".

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cc: Parties of Record via Electronic Mail