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Mr. Daniel R. Elliott, Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Chairman Elliott:

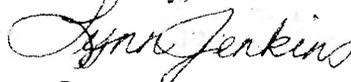
I am writing in regard to the proposed acquisition of RailAmerica, Inc. by Genesee & Wyoming, Inc. I am proud to have been a leader in supporting America's short line railroads during my two terms in Congress. I believe that short line railroads are a critical element of our national transportation network and that we must do everything we can to ensure the future of short line railroading, particularly in rural areas like those I represent in the Kansas Second Congressional District.

As you determine how to proceed with your review of this proposed transaction, I would urge you to review the matter in the most expeditious manner possible.

One short line railroad located in Kansas, the Kyle Railroad, will be encompassed within this transaction. Kyle Railroad is successful because it is a locally managed railroad focused on growing its traffic base in rural communities in north central Kansas. I have come to know both RailAmerica and Genesee & Wyoming over the last four years. I understand both companies' management philosophies, and I believe that Genesee & Wyoming family will continue to make the necessary investments in infrastructure that Kyle Railroad needs in order to develop long term opportunities, particularly when it comes to transporting Kansas grain to market.

I support this transaction and I hope the Surface Transportation Board will deal with it on an expedited basis. Unnecessary regulatory delays in this process will create uncertainty for the Kansas agricultural transportation marketplace. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Lynn Jenkins, CPA
Member of Congress