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of
George M. Bald
on behalf of the
Department of Resources and Economic Development

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My name is George M. Bald. I am the Commissioner of the Department of Resources and Economic Development, 172 Pembroke Road, Concord, New Hampshire. I have served in this capacity since April of 2006.

My agency is responsible for Forests & Lands, Travel & Tourism, Parks and Recreation and Economic Development.

I understand that recently was announced the proposed acquisition of RailAmerica by Genesee & Wyoming Inc. I enjoy a very constructive working relationship with the short line railroad owned by Genesee & Wyoming in New Hampshire, and write you to strongly support this transaction.

Genesee & Wyoming Inc. is a great partner in our regional freight transportation network. It has a strong history of buying other short line railroads, investing in them, and developing long term growth opportunities. This in turn helps maintain and grow industrial sector jobs in our communities.

In addition, I have been very impressed with the very strong focus of safety at Genesee & Wyoming. It is an industry leader in rail safety, and this is a direct reflection in its commitment to provide superior service to the communities along its lines.

For these reasons, I strongly support this proposal, and ask for expedited review and approval of it by the Surface Transportation Board.

I, George M. Bald, 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 and authorized to file this verified statement.

George M. Bald
Commissioner
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