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Mr. Daniel R. Elliott
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Subject: STB Docket No. FD 35654

Dear Chairman Elliott:

I am writing to support the proposed acquisition of RailAmerica by Genesee & Wyoming Inc because I believe this transaction will provide significant public and economic benefits across the Country.

I have worked with Genesee & Wyoming, and I have found that they are very focused on safety, the environment, and customer service. Their railroads provide the freight service to many areas that otherwise would have no access to the national rail network without short line service. This service helps provide economic development in areas that need these jobs.

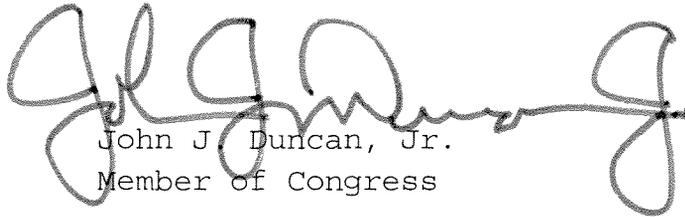
Genesee & Wyoming Inc. is committed to safety. In fact, two of its railroads won the 2011 Harriman rail safety awards.

This company has a very strong record of acquiring short lines throughout the United States, investing in the properties, and growing business. I believe this acquisition will improve the short line rail industry and benefit everyone that relies on rail services for delivering their goods to the marketplace.

Again, I am writing in support of this proposal, and I hope you can review this as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John J. Duncan, Jr.", written in black ink. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John J. Duncan, Jr.
Member of Congress