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Mr. Daniel R. Elliott
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Re: STB Docket No. FD 35654

Dear Chairman Elliott:

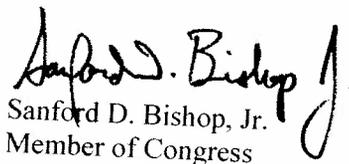
I understand that recently the proposed acquisition of RailAmerica by Genesee & Wyoming Inc. was announced. Over the years I have seen first hand the work of the short line railroads owned by Genesee & Wyoming in Georgia, and write you to strongly support this transaction.

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 consideration of it by the Surface Transportation Board.

Sincerely,


Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
Member of Congress

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