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VERIFIED STATEMENT
of
Hon. Michael H. Ranzenhofer
New York State Senate

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My name is Michael H. Ranzenhofer. I represent New York's 61st Senate District, which encompasses parts of the counties of Erie and Genesee. I have served in the New York State Senate since 2009.

Genesee & Wyoming Inc. recently announced the proposed acquisition of RailAmerica, another short line rail company. Genesee & Wyoming owns and operates several short line and regional railroads in Western New York, including one in Genesee County, which I represent, and I believe that it is recognized as a good corporate citizen in our region. I write in support of this transaction.

Genesee & Wyoming Inc. is an important partner in our state freight transportation network. The company has been active in the freight rail industry since it started here in New York in 1899. It has a successful record of buying other short line railroads, investing in them, and developing long-term growth opportunities. This development in turn helps to maintain and grow industrial sector jobs in our communities.

It is my understanding that Genesee & Wyoming Inc. has a strong focus on safety, which is a direct reflection of its commitment to provide superior service to the communities along its lines. In 2011, two of its railroads won Harriman Rail Safety Awards.

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

I, Michael H. Ranzenhofer 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.

Hon. Michael H. Ranzenhofer, 61st NYSD

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