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Mr. Daniel R. Elliott, Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
Re: STB Docket No. FD 35654

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Dear Chairman Elliott:

We are writing regarding the proposed acquisition of RailAmerica by Genesee & Wyoming (G&W).

We support the proposed acquisition of RailAmerica by Genesee & Wyoming (G&W) and urge the Board to give this matter an expedited hearing.

Michigan's agricultural businesses, especially the grain and fertilizer sectors rely heavily on sort line railroad service. RailAmerica serve areas of our state where Class I railroads no longer exist. These lines are the only way for our businesses to stay connected to the national railroad network to secure inbound product, or for outbound shipments. We value the local management, flexible service and the ongoing cooperation to move our rail shipments. Rail transportation is critical to our success.

The proposed acquisition of RailAmerica by G&W offers the best opportunity to continue the kind of service we have come to expect, along with the promise of investment in infrastructure and partnering for the future growth that we all anticipate in the coming years.

G&W has the same management philosophy as RailAmerica. They own 63 short lines across the country and each railroad is locally managed with people "on the ground" empowered to make operating and marketing decisions that are important to shippers.

G&W has the capacity to manage and the financial strength to invest in the RailAmerica properties. G&W's 63 railroads operating 5,400 miles compare to RailAmerica's 45 railroads and 7,500 track miles. G&W has the proven ability to

manage a large group of diverse short line properties which will result in a smooth and quick transition when the sale is finalized.

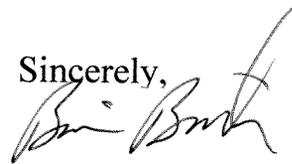
G&W is also a publicly traded company with great access to the capital markets. Maintaining and upgrading rail infrastructure is a very expensive proposition and critical to our success. G&W's financial strength will help insure that infrastructure investments are made as necessary to maintain and improve service levels. This management capability and financial strength is vital to all of us.

We also strongly encourage the Board to review this application on an expedited basis so that the RailAmerica railroads are not held in a voting trust for a significant period of time. This is not a merger situation involving consolidation. There are no G&W properties in Michigan so this is merely a case of switching one set of owners for another.

The longer the RailAmerica railroads are held in a voting trust (with limited if any long or short term investment in infrastructure), the more uncertainty for us, and the less focus there will be on long-term planning and investment decisions.

We appreciate the opportunity to present our position on this matter, and would be happy to provide additional information or answer any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Brink", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian Brink
Vice President
Brink Farms, Inc.