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Mr. Daniel R. Elliott
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RE: STB Finance Docket No. 35247, Grenada Railway, LLC-Acquisition and Operation Exemption - Illinois Central Railroad Company and Waterloo Railway Company

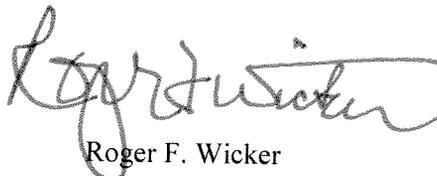
Dear Chairman Elliott:

I write today regarding the petition submitted by Mr. Robert Riley on September 11, 2012. Through the revocation process, Mr. Riley seeks to overturn the Surface Transportation Board's exemption that allowed the sale of 175 miles of rail between Memphis, Tennessee, and Canton, Mississippi, by Canadian National Railway to Grenada Railway LLC. I write to inquire as to the status of Mr. Riley's petition to reject or revoke, Docket No. FD-35247, and any replies to the petition that you have received.

Mississippi has more than 2,536 miles of railroad, which are vitally important to local shippers and the future economic growth of communities near these lines. On average, Mississippi's 30 rail carriers handle more than 154,000 train cars every year and directly employ more than 1,700 people. It is my hope that the board's decisions will support a competitive and economically viable rail industry in Mississippi.

Please keep me informed about future developments as this case moves forward. I thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Roger F. Wicker
United States Senator