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VERIFIED STATEMENT
of

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on behalf of the
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My name is John Gallus. I am the State Senator from District 1, 292 Prospect St., Berlin NH 03570. I have served in this capacity since December of 2002. The district is comprised of 57 communities in 3 counties.

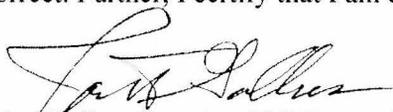
On July 23, the proposed acquisition of RailAmerica by Genesee & Wyoming Inc was announced. Over the years I have worked with the Genesee & Wyoming short line railroad in New Hampshire

My experiences working with Genesee & Wyoming have been very positive. Their railroads provide freight service to many areas of New Hampshire that otherwise would have no access to the national rail network without short line service. Genesee & Wyoming has a very strong record of acquiring short lines throughout the United States, investing in the properties, and growing business. This results in safe, reliable rail freight services that help us grow industry and jobs in our state, a key factor in the economic well-being of the North Country.

Safety is a key area of focus for Genesee & Wyoming Inc. Two of its railroads won the 2011 Harriman rail safety awards. Their operations in New Hampshire demonstrate this commitment to safety.

The overall corporate focus of Genesee & Wyoming Inc. will enhance the short line railroads now operated by RailAmerica. For these reasons, I strongly support this proposal, and ask for expedited review and approval of it by the Surface Transportation Board.

I, John Gallus, 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.


John Gallus, Senator, NH Senate District 1

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