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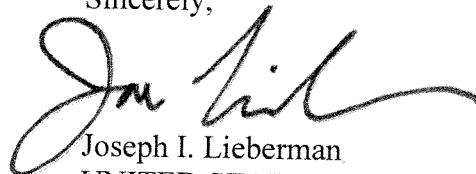
Dear Chairman Elliott:

I am writing concerning the proposed acquisition of RailAmerica by Genesee & Wyoming (G&W). RailAmerica operates two short line railroads in my state and they are a vital connection for many of our shippers that would otherwise be cut off from the national railroad network.

I am writing to ask that the Board handle the matter in a timely fashion. A lengthy approval process will bring uncertainty to shippers and make it difficult for current RailAmerica management to plan future capital investment. A timely review will reduce uncertainty and limit the amount of time the short line freight railroads in my state are in limbo.

I appreciate your consideration of my views on the matter.

Sincerely,



Joseph I. Lieberman
UNITED STATES SENATOR