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#### SHORT LINE SAFETY INSTITUTE WELCOMES JOHN ANGEL TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WASHINGTON – September 3, 2024 – The [Short Line Safety Institute](http://www.shortlinesafety.org) (SLSI) is pleased to announce that John Angel, Vice President, Compliance and Training, Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services, Inc., has joined its Board of Directors.

“The SLSI is fortunate to have a guiding Board comprised of individuals who have spent their careers moving the industry forward in the area of safety and safety culture,” said Tom Murta, Executive Director, SLSI. “John Angel brings both an on-the-ground experience, beginning his career as a conductor on a small short line railroad in Ohio, and the experience of safety culture leadership at the highest level, taking on areas of increasing responsibility at Genesee & Wyoming railroads. His insight on practices and programs that will help move the needle on safety culture will be invaluable to our organization.”

The Short Line Safety Institute encourages the short line and regional railroad industry to perform at an increasingly high level of safety, with a focus on safety culture defined as the shared values, actions, and behaviors that demonstrate a commitment to safety over competing goals and demands.

“I am honored to be contributing to an organization that is charged with and successfully advancing the safety culture of the short line railroad industry,” said John Angel. “Each tool or training program the industry can provide to help ensure that every railroader comes home safe each and every day is time and effort well spent.”

In addition to [Safety Culture Assessments](#), the SLSI provides [Hazardous Materials Training](#) to railroads and to [first responders](#), [Leading Forward](#) and *Structured Problem Solving*, both leadership skills development training, and more.

John Angel joins six other industry leaders on the SLSI Board, including Justin Broyles (Chairman), Executive Vice President, Commercial Affairs, R.J. Corman Group, Chuck Baker, President, American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, Janet Gilbert, Partner, Fletcher & Sippel, Mitch Harris, Vice President Safety & Compliance, Rio Grande Pacific Corporation, Jared Martin, Vice President Operations, Modesto & Empire Traction Company, and Tom Murta, Executive Director, SLSI.

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About SLSI - The Short Line Safety Institute (SLSI) is a non-profit corporation that conducts Safety Culture Assessments, provides Hazardous Material Instructor and Leadership Development programs, and is the educational, training and research source for short line and regional railroads concerning safety culture. [www.shortlinesafety.org](http://www.shortlinesafety.org), [@shortlinesafety](#), LinkedIn