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June 3, 2008

Ms. Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Finance Docket No. 35087 - *Canadian National Railway Company and
Grand Trunk Corporation - Control - EJ&E West Company*

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am writing in support of CN's Request for Establishment of Time Limits for NEPA Review and Final Decision, filed in this proceeding on May 13, 2008.

I represent the communities of River Grove, Elmwood Park, Northlake, Rosemont, Melrose Park, Schiller Park, and Franklin Park which would benefit from this transaction. This would lesson traffic gridlock in my communities. We are eager for this transaction to move forward so that we and the Chicagoland region generally can begin to benefit from the reduced congestion that will result if this transaction is allowed to proceed.

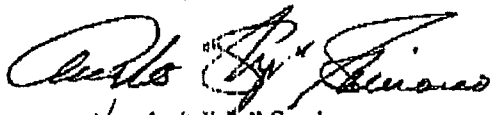
I am aware that some are opposed to CN's request that the STB set target deadlines for completion of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and for issuance of a final decision on the proposed acquisition. I agree that the Board should get the information it needs, but CN's proposed schedule provides ample time for it to do so. It is important to remember, however, that the STB has been undertaking its environmental analysis since at least December 2007 and has provided many opportunities for interested citizens, community officials, and government agencies to provide comments, including the scoping meetings held in January 2008 throughout the region and the opportunity to comment on the draft Scope of Study.

I understand that in its final scoping decision, the STB's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) has identified the issues that need to be studied in its EIS. Under CN's proposed timetable, SEA will continue to have sufficient time to complete its study of

these issues and the public will have the opportunity to again provide input to the STB during the period that will be provided for comment on the Draft EIS.

This transaction promises important benefits to the Chicagoland region and to individual communities. I understand and support the need for a meaningful environmental review, but I respectfully suggest that the SEA has had sufficient time and resources to thoroughly study the environmental issues involved in this transaction and, under CN's proposed timetable, will still have more time to examine these issues and identify appropriate mitigation, where needed. The principles of good government dictate that governmental processes should not be open-ended. I urge you to adopt the time limits proposed by CN in its filing.

Sincerely,

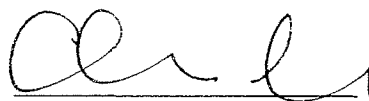
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Angelo "Skip" Saviano
State Representative
77th District

cc: Victoria J. Rutson, Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this 10th day of June, 2008, served copies of the foregoing letter, transmitting letters in support of Applicants' Request for Time Limits for NEPA Review and Final Decision, upon all known parties of record in this proceeding by first-class mail or a more expeditious method.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Mellen', written over a horizontal line.

Christine A. Mellen

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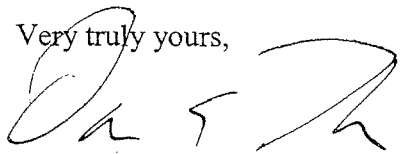
The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
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**Re: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation –
Control – EJ&E West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35087)**

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are letters by the Honorable Carolyn H. Krause (dated June 3, 2008) and the Honorable Angelo Saviano (dated June 3, 2008) in support of Applicants' Request for Time Limits for NEPA Review and Final Decision (CN-33, filed May 13, 2008). We understand the signed originals are being mailed directly to the Board.

Very truly yours,



David A. Hirsh

Counsel for Canadian National Railway Company
and Grand Trunk Corporation

Enclosures

cc: All parties of record