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

Subject: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I would like to express my support for the acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern rail-line by CN. CN plans on redirecting many freight train routes that are currently contributing to the railway congestion experienced in the Chicago area to this under-utilized rail-line. The distribution of freight rail across all available resources will help alleviate traffic congestion and increase productivity for freight travel.

Although I am not often inconvenienced by freight trains, this proposal is a good idea as it will reduce the amount of train congestion for the entire Chicago area, which will inevitably help to improve traffic in its entirety. Furthermore, as of right now, it can take a train upwards of 24 hours to get through just the city of Chicago; most of this time is spent idling, wasting time and fuel. This lack of punctuality can negatively affect businesses and further slow our economy.

I strongly encourage you to approve and support this proposal. Now is an opportune time to make necessary changes to our transportation system. Thank you.

Sincerely,



John Spaeth

P.S. My grandfather was Edward Quinlan of Cincinnati and Dublin.