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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:

Living in the Chicago area and contending with the train congestion makes one think there must be a better way. CN Railway has devised a plan to relieve this congestion, but it requires your approval to proceed. CN has proposed to move freight traffic from the congested rail lines onto an exterior line. This plan would entail CN acquiring part of EJ&E's existing rail network.

I would like to briefly share with you my perspective as a resident of Elmwood Park. I do not like having to deal with the traffic congestion caused by freight trains traversing roadways and sometimes; I end up late for work as a result. Rerouting the freight trains would be beneficial in multiple ways, such as a reduction in wasted time and fuel as the delays and time spend idling at railroad crossings will diminish. Please do your part to remedy the situation by supporting this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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