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July 17, 2008

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-001

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087 (Canadian National Railway
Company and Grand Trunk Corporation – Control – EJ & E
West Company

Dear Secretary Quinlan,

Enclosed please find Resolution 2008-3 passed by the Plainfield
Public Library District Board of Trustees at their meeting on July 16, 2008.

Sincerely,

Julie M. Milavec
Library Director

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Enc.

cc: The Honorable Judy Biggert, R-IL-13th
Tom Cross, State Representative, 84th District
James A. Waldorf, Plainfield Village President

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Resolution No. 2008-2

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT,
WILL AND KENDALL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
STATEMENT OF REGIONAL OPPOSITION TO THE
CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY PURCHASE OF THE EJ&E**

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2007, the Canadian National Railway Corporation, along with its United States subsidiary, Grand Trunk Corporation (collectively, "CN") filed an application with the federal Surface Transportation Board ("STB") seeking approval to acquire the EJ&E West Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Company (collectively, "EJ&E"); and

WHEREAS, the undersigned speaks for a community made up of over 66,000 people, who would be negatively impacted by the overwhelming increase of freight traffic CN plans to run on the EJ&E railroad based on its current projections as well as the traffic onslaught that would ensue with planned expansion of the Port of Prince Rupert, Canada; and

WHEREAS, our communities are united in a concern that the negative community impacts on safety, traffic gridlock, property values and overall quality of life along the EJ&E created by this acquisition cannot now or ever be adequately resolved to accommodate transforming the EJ&E from the equivalent of a small country road into a rail freight "superhighway;" and

WHEREAS, this purchase would further aggravate commuter gridlock into the future by precluding the use of the EJ&E for the planned Metra commuter rail Star Line; and

WHEREAS, a business wishing to open or develop in an American community is required to be a good citizen and make infrastructure investment that integrates it into the community in which it is locating; and

WHEREAS, the cost of fully mitigating the community problems CN would create through its operations on the EJ&E would run into the billions of dollars and CN has committed to shouldering only \$30 to \$40 million of these costs; and

WHEREAS, it is not in the interest of American taxpayers – not their obligation – to underwrite mitigation costs for a private business deal that benefits only a foreign corporation; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that freight congestion in Chicago is a reality and that fixing this problem is a matter of careful planning followed by a commitment of substantial dollars to get the job done, and that this planning has already occurred through a project started a decade ago called CREATE.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. CREATE should be pursued as the regional solution for freight congestion;
2. If it chooses to pursue the acquisition of the EJ&E then Canadian National Railway should be held to the same corporate community standards as American businesses are held to in 2008;
3. Until the Canadian National Railway is willing to invest the dollars necessary to alleviate the problems it is creating in our communities, our communities will stand united in opposition to this transaction.

Passed by the Board of Library Trustees of the Plainfield Public Library District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois this 16th day of July, 2008 by a vote of:

AYES: Kinley, Allen, Miller, Martin
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Awalt, Narive
VACANCY: One

Approved this 16th day of July, 2008.

Sharon Kinley
President, The Board of Library Trustees of the
Plainfield Public Library District,
Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois

Attest:

Cathy L. Klein
Secretary, Board of Library Trustees
of the Plainfield Public Library District,
Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF WILL)

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of the Plainfield Public Library District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois (the "District"), and that as such official I am the keeper of the records, files and seal of The Board of Library Trustees of the District (the "Board").

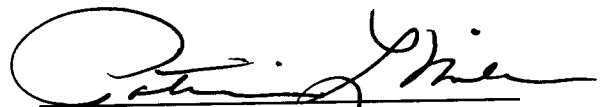
I do further certify that attached hereto is a full, true and complete copy of Resolution No. 2008-2, fully entitled:

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which Resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board at a meeting of the Board held on July 16, 2008, and approved by the President of the District on July 16, 2008, and said Resolution has been duly filed with the undersigned as acting Secretary of the District and is in full force and effect as provided therein.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of said Resolution were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said Resolution was taken openly, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and with the provisions of the Public Library District Act of 1991, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Acts and with all of the procedural rules of the Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the District this 16th day of July, 2008.



Secretary, Board of Library
Trustees of the Plainfield Public
Library District, Will and Kendall
Counties, Illinois