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Phillis Johnson-Ball
 Surface Transportation Board
 395 E. Street, SW
 Washington, DC 20423

Re: Canadian National Railway Co, et al. – Control – EJ&E
 West Company, STB Finance Docket No 35087

Ms. Johnson-Ball,

I am writing on behalf of the Village of Alsip to support the proposed acquisition by Canadian National Railway Company (CN) of control over the EJ&E West Company, STB Finance Docket No. 35087.

The Village of Alsip has 3 railroad crossings that have a heavy impact on our vehicle transportation. With an approximate number of 9-10 trains traveling through these crossing a day, it is inevitable that a resident, worker, or transient traveler will be stuck at these intersections causing a delay in their time of transportation. This has made employees late for work, residents late from picking up their children from school, extracurricular events, etc., and most importantly slows down our industry in our heavily industrial village by blocking transportation of goods.

We have had incessant citizen complaints of idle trains, trains blowing horns in the middle of the night, and extra long trains disrupting transportation. CN's proposal will greatly reduce those complaints.

We also absolutely cannot forget to mention the safety concerns here in the Village of Alsip. We have had several derailments over the years associated with the heavy train flow throughout the Village creating hazardous material incidents and also there have been multiple deaths associated with train accidents. Reducing train traffic in Alsip will speed commerce to the entire region and help to spread the train traffic flow around our most congested regions.

We are in full support of the acquisition of the railway so that these problems could diminish and help our Village flourish.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kitching
 Village of Alsip

Cc: Southwest Conference of Mayors
 Anne Quinlan, Esq., Surface Transportation Board