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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

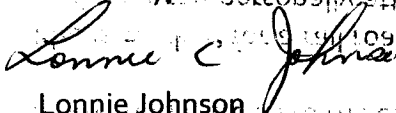
I am writing to ask for your help in making CN's purchase of a portion of Elgin, Joliet & Eastern a reality. CN intends to reduce region-wide train congestion, by re-routing many freight trains to the EJ&E. I support CN and their proposal.

I have worked for a rail road for the last 30 years and as a long time resident of South Holland I can personally attest both my understanding of how trains operate and how frustrating it is for area residents to live with constant traffic congestion. South Holland residents, like many other residents around Chicago, have sacrificed too much quality of life because of the numerous freight trains that run through the south suburbs.

CN's plan will address the most serious problem we face; congestion. Emergency vehicles are often blocked by freight trains passing through our community. It is not unusual to see fire trucks, ambulances and police cars having to stop and turn around in search of an alternate route; a situation that is as dangerous as it is unnecessary.

I hope you see the gravity of this issue and recognize that moving some of the freight traffic will allow the people of South Holland to experience a better quality of life. CN's plan to reduce train congestion is a step in the right direction. Please support CN and give us the help we deserve.

Sincerely,


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