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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 am writing to you today regarding CN Railway's plan to acquire part of the EJ&E line and divert congested rail traffic to it. Freight congestion is central to our region. The consequences of such lead to delays in the travels of individuals and families; it also contributes to the polluting of our air. I think CN Railway's plan is a good idea; I hope that you will also support it.

The periodic crowding of local streets caused by freight trains does not currently occur without notice. For example, I find myself stopped at the Gary Avenue railroad crossing in Carol Stream more often than I would like. More seriously, there was a time a few years ago when a train accident caused the street to be closed, furthering the inconvenience for local residents.

Although it is harder to measure the impact of pollution from idling trains, it is difficult to believe that trains sitting with their engines running for long periods of time do not have deleterious effects on our health.

For these reasons, I feel it is imperative that your agency approve this transaction. It will be a large first step in allowing us to tackle the problems of congestion and pollution. Thank you in advance for reading my thoughts on this matter.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'm. Gandhi'.

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