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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

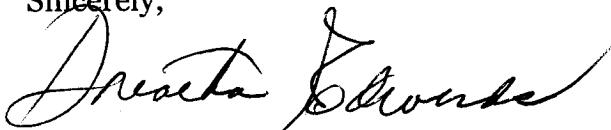
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I would like you to count me in as a supporter of CN Railway's proposed acquisition of a section of EJ&E rail line. The reason why this transaction matters to me is that CN has plans to use it as a starting off point for efforts to reduce freight train congestion in our area. This is very important to me and other residents of South Holland who have to struggle daily with the presence of trains blocking our roads.

Although I know this is probably not the case, the freight trains seem to try to plan their times when they will stop and block roads around just the moments when they will create the largest amount of inconvenience. For example, rush hours during the morning and evening are periods when I and many other drivers have to stop and wait at railroad crossings for immobile trains. Trains are also usually in the way when I have an emergency or pressing matter to attend to, both which require the use of my car. My main thought during these times is to find another route, but that often ends up costing me more time and gas, so it is really not a solution.

CN's plan, if allowed to move forward, would relocate a majority of their freight traffic to a section of the EJ&E railway, a line that circumvents the Chicago metropolitan area. This would provide great relief to South Holland and its residents. As a result, you should waste no time in approving CN's attempted purchase. Thank you.

Sincerely,


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