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January 16, 2008

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing in support of Canadian National Railroad's proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company. I am the Executive Director of the Buffalo Grove Area Chamber of Commerce. Our community has over 700 business affected by the continual traffic congestion caused by the enormous freight trains that travel through Buffalo Grove, many of which are 150 cars or more!

CN's acquisition of EJ & E will preserve and improve northern Illinois' status as a transportation hub by reducing serious freight congestion. This streamlining of rail operations will bring economic, environmental and public-safety benefits to the entire region.

CN is committed to working with Metra. This acquisition will likely result in better passenger and commuter services in and around Buffalo Grove by making room for more passenger trains and expanded weekend service.

I believe this acquisition is in the best interests of the business and residents of Buffalo Grove as well as the entire region.

Sincerely,

Lynne Schneider
Executive Director
Buffalo Grove Area Chamber of Commerce

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