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April 5, 2008

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

We write this letter to lend our support to the acquisition of EJ&E Railway by CN Railway. Our understanding is that this will lessen freight traffic within our city and most importantly within our community, which will assist us environmentally.

For years, many south side Chicago communities have borne the brunt of freight traffic. The fact of the matter is congestion is getting worse along the freight lines running through our community. As we work to improve our community, this proposed acquisition will go a long way in assisting us to achieve greater economic and environmental benefits.

As our economy continues to expand and contract, CN Railway moves forward and establishes itself even more as a leader within the rail industry.

We applaud this acquisition and look forward to working with CN Railways.

If there are any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Keith O. Tate
CC: Alderman F. Lyle
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