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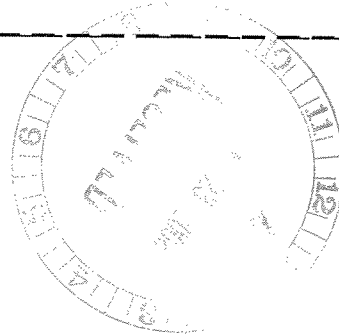
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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423



RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

The proposal between CN and the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern railroad lines will prove to be advantageous because of the many benefits it will bring to Chicago. CN's proposal is to buy a portion of EJ&E, acquiring many of their rail lines and relocating freight trains to the more rural, less congested areas of the greater Chicago region. I am in full support of this because of what it can do for commuter traffic and the transportation system as a whole.

I am on disability for kidney problems and my only source of transportation is the bus. Often, the bus does not come because of the freight trains blocking the road, which then causes the bus to divert from its route and skip my stop. In short, the bus often deviates from its schedule due to freight trains. Just recently, in fact, I missed an appointment with my nurse practitioner because of this very situation, so I can fully appreciate what CN is proposing to do.

Even though the trains cause problems, I do not want to see them eliminated, just re-routed. Railroads made the Chicago area what it is today. Now, however, train congestion has started to affect commuter travel, so it is better if the trains are redirected to areas where they will be able to travel more efficiently.

I urge you to approve CN's acquisition and help to protect our transportation system for the present and future. Thank you for taking the time to hear my views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Steffen".

William Steffen

cc: Senator Richard Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Bobby L. Rush