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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:

As a resident who has experienced the rail congestion in Wheeling, I am writing to express my support for CN railway's proposal to acquire a portion of the EJ&E rail to the west of the area. Reducing the congestion in Wheeling is very important, and CN's proposal should be given approval.

With this proposal, CN would be able to put freight trains on less congested tracks. There would still be some trains coming through Wheeling, but having fewer trains is needed given that this community has dealt with congestion for so long. Also, redirecting many of the trains from here would cut down on the air pollution from trains that idle as a result of the congestion.

If freight can move more efficiently with this plan, why not approve CN's proposal? Freight trains are going to travel through someone's community. It only makes sense for trains to go where it's much less congested, rather than crowd the tracks in places like Wheeling. I support CN's proposal and encourage you to give your approval to it.

Sincerely,



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