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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:

South Holland is overflowing with freight trains. They seem to be constantly moving through town, blocking and delaying drivers in the process. CN has designs to change this situation through its proposed purchase of a section of the EJ&E Railway. If this deal is approved, CN will relocate many of the freight trains that currently pass through here; more of them will begin to travel on this underused line that orbits the Chicago area.

I live right near the 159th Street crossing in South Holland. The noise that perpetually emanates from the train horns is very irritating, particularly when they blow them late at night. I would be very pleased if this became a less frequent occurrence. In terms of when I drive, I am often made late for church because of freight train congestion. Beyond this, I am stopped at railroad crossings between two to three times a week on average. Rather than wait the 15 to 20 minutes that it can take for the train to clear space, I usually take an alternate route, which itself adds ten minutes to any trip I take. When one takes into account the rising price of gas, the whole circumstance becomes even more upsetting to the citizens here.

CN's intention to re-route many of our freight trains is a large step in the right direction. I urge you to give your approval to their proposal in a swift fashion. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Mildred Dabney

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama