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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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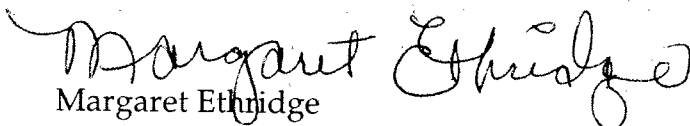
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

As a resident of South Holland, I am pleased that CN Railway has a plan to help reduce rail and traffic congestion. CN plans to divert freight traffic out of the heavily congested areas close to Chicago by means of a rail line arcing around the outskirts of the city. This is a development that I happily welcome. Hopefully, you will not hesitate to provide CN with the green light for purchasing this portion of railway, as it would solve a great deal of train-related problems for area residents.

A set of railroad tracks run right behind my house and when the trains come by at all hours of the day and night, they blow their obnoxiously loud horns which can be quite annoying. With roughly twenty freight trains running through South Holland on a daily basis, one can imagine what it must be like for the residents. Then, one must also take into account other issues such as the traffic delays, the wasted fuel, excess pollution, and the lost time caused by the congestion.

As you can see, the railway congestion has resulted in multiple hardships for the residents of the Chicago area. Please give CN's plan an opportunity to succeed. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


Margaret Ethridge