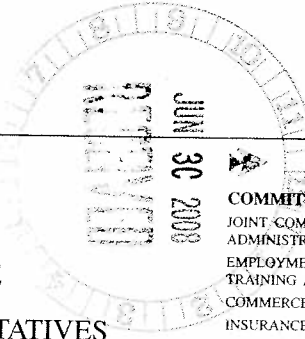




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Re: Finance Docket No. 35087

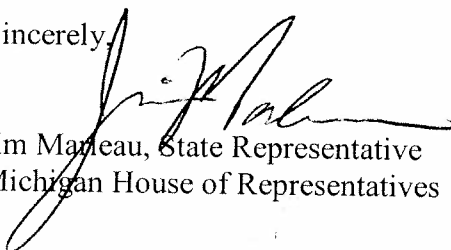
Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

As a former local official in Orion, Michigan and now as a State Representative, I am writing in support of Canadian National Railway's efforts to purchase most of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway. Though none of the EJ&E trackage lies within my state, the successful integration of these two railroads is important to businesses within my District and throughout our state. Positively affected shippers include General Motors at Orion, MI, Flint, MI and Lansing, MI and NewPage Corporation in Escanaba, MI. Each of these shippers, as well as others, depend on consistent, efficient traffic flow through and to Chicago.

This acquisition will strengthen the rail industry, provide improved service, relieve congestion and have a positive economic and environmental impact and that is why I am in support and heartily urge your approval.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Jim Marleau, State Representative
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