

Margaret Waiflein

299 N. Fiore Parkway
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

July 3, 2008

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

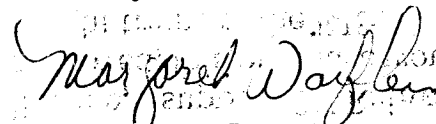
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

The bottlenecking of freight trains leads to unfortunate results in a variety of ways. In order to try to make trains less of a hindrance to Vernon Hills residents like me, I support CN Railway's proposal to buy a part of EJ&E Railway. If approved, this purchase would give CN the ability to redirect a portion of their freight trains to the EJ&E line.

Even though I am currently retired, I can remember the daily delays I encountered at the Butterfield Road crossing on my way to Libertyville. I still run into these delays when I go shopping here in town. Often, they last for about 6 to 7 minutes at a time. In addition to making individuals late, these delays dirty our air and cause people to waste a large amount of expensive fuel while they are waiting at the crossing. If CN's plan goes into effect, however, there will be 17 fewer freight trains traveling through Vernon Hills on average every day.

I urge you to consider this proposal and the benefits it will bring to the residents of the Chicago area, and then grant approval to CN's purchase. It would make a large and noticeable difference to our communities. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Margaret Waiflein