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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:

We need to do something about the all the trains blocking traffic in Riverdale and throughout greater Chicago. CN Railway has proposed a plan to send most of the current freight train traffic onto the portion of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern rail line running along the outer limits of the metropolitan area. To do this, CN needs your permission to purchase part of EJ&E's rail line. If you lived here, I do not think you would waste any time before embracing this plan.

I have lived in the Chicago area for 40 years. I get stuck at crossings 3 to 4 times a week and usually wait 5 to 10 minutes each time. Sometimes the wait is up to a half hour. I routinely try to leave 10 to 15 minutes early to avoid the being late for work. I have seen ambulances stuck at crossings and then turn around to find an alternate route. These things should not be happening and if you approve CN's plan, I believe that they would be exceptions instead of the rule. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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