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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:

Although I personally have not been affected by the considerable train congestion in the Chicago area, it is still a concern of mine. Fortunately, CN Railway has formulated a plan to alleviate the congestion by moving freight traffic to a line that encompasses the Chicago area. It will be necessary for CN to purchase a segment of the EJ&E rail line in order to accomplish this and this in turn requires the approval of the Surface Transportation Board.

It can take up to 24 hours for a freight train to make its way through the city of Chicago alone. That should constitute a red flag in itself. Trains are queuing up and idling while waiting to proceed. During this time, the trains are emitting excess pollutants into the air we breathe. Add to this those who are stopped at the railroad crossings in their cars which are emitting even more pollutants and using more fuel than necessary, and you will be able to recognize the vicious cycle the freight train congestion is causing for our community.

CN's plan would reroute the majority of the freight train traffic out of the city and make a real difference. The plan deserves your approval and I hope it will be forth-coming. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Anne Eident

