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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:

I am writing in support of CN railway's proposal to purchase a portion of the EJ&E railway. The plan will help reduce the train congestion that has resulted from the inefficient use of railways throughout the Chicago region.

My husband and I used to live in the city and were quite regularly stopped at a crossing at Southwest Highway. Reducing the train congestion in the Chicago area would also help reduce air pollution, particularly from idle trains and cars stopped at crossings.

Given that railroads are an important part of the region's economy, enabling goods to be transported by freight rail more efficiently and reducing train congestion makes sense. I hope that you will approve the proposal as it will greatly benefit Chicago's economy. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Diane Spielman