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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

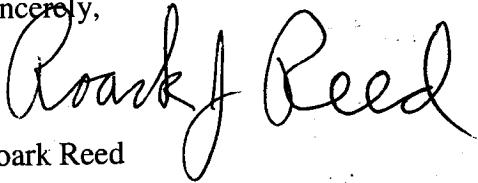
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

CN's acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern (EJ&E) line is a good idea. The transaction boasts many benefits such as improved traffic on our roads and increased freight rail efficiency. This proposal entails CN purchasing a large section of underused tracks in rural Chicago and redirecting many freight lines that plague the Mount Prospect area. I support CN because I am a frequent traveler and would like to see some changes made in our transportation system - starting with CN's proposal.

The frequency of the stop-and-go trains interrupts my works schedule because I get stuck at crossings at least twice a week. Freight rail conditions have proved to be problematic for many of my colleagues. We have to leave our houses unduly early just so we can arrive to work on time. I can fully appreciate the endeavor by CN. Redirecting the freight trains will help commuters plan their routes and will also allow for faster, improved delivery times on goods transported by rail.

Secretary Quinlan, I fully support CN's proposal because it will help to improve transportation region-wide. Please approve the EJ&E line acquisition.

Sincerely,



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