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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 would like to take some time to voice my unwavering support for CN's proposed partial acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway. This transaction, if approved, will bring valued economic stability to the Chicago region through relief from the problematic railway congestion. For the good of the community, I sincerely urge you to approve this transaction.

Because the freight rail congestion in this city has become far too prevalent, I have chosen to give my support to CN's plan. Unfortunately, freight trains are forced to frequently idle on the tracks due to the congestion. This causes an unnecessary amount of pollution to be emitted into our air, not only from the trains, but also from vehicles on the roads that are blocked at crossings. Additionally, in my own commutes around the city, I am often delayed up to 15 minutes at a time. We need to see some kind of solution to this problem.

If CN is able to acquire this section of EJ&E, they will re-route many of their freight trains around the city, thus reducing the congestion. The community is depending on you; please support CN's plan.

Sincerely,

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