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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423



Subject: CN Railway Company/EJ&E
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

The traffic conditions in Wheeling and its surrounding areas have increasingly become a greater problem for residents. Rail congestion is the leading cause. Fortunately, CN has devised a plan that will help reduce idle and slow moving trains. This plan will authorize CN to acquire the EJ&E line and give them the authority to redirect many freight routes towards the outskirts of suburban Chicago. If approved, this plan will improve local travel throughout the region.

I am often delayed waiting for idling trains to move out of my route when I am on my way to work. My delay is about 5-10 minutes each time if the train is moving. Even longer if the train is idle. This may not seem like a lot of time; but when you add 5-10 minutes over a long period of time, the time wasted can reach a pretty significant amount. If approved, train congestion will be reduced and commuters will be able to travel without constant delays and the hassle of pre-planning their routes.

In addition, having a clean environment is very important; not just for me but for future generations. Idle freight trains still emit noxious fumes that permeate the atmosphere. If CN's acquisition of the EJ&E line is approved, trains will be able to travel faster with less stopping to wait for the rail line to clear in front of them. This will reduce the pollution and increase delivery times.

Secretary Quinlan, I have been a resident of Wheeling for 15 years. The population in this area has increased significantly, so now is the time to make improvements to our transportation system so we can sustain our growth. Please throw your full support and approval behind CN's acquisition of a portion of the EJ&E.

Yours truly,

Sam Shusterman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sam Shusterman'.

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