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

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

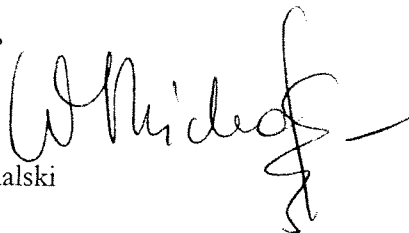
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I would like to take some time to voice my support of CN's plan to relieve the railway congestion throughout the Chicago area. CN's acquisition of a large segment of the EJ&E line will greatly reduce the train congestion that has been a major problem for our area. The railway congestion has caused a lot of problems for many Chicago area residents including backups during rush hour, wasted fuel, and excess pollution in our air.

Having to deal with the backed up trains has gotten to be very annoying. Often, they block crossings and hold up traffic. I cross three set of train tracks on my way to work and the freight trains frequently delay my commute. The congestion creates a safety issue for everyone, the biggest of which is when emergency medical services are held up by a train. In an emergency, it is more difficult for first responders to reach the scene or to safely and quickly transport victims when freight trains are constantly blocking routes.

Moving the trains more efficiently through the Chicago area is essential. One of the most important things that would come out of CN's plan to reduce congestion will be less wasted gas and pollution. I am very supportive of CN's move to acquire the EJ&E line, and I strongly urge you to show your support and approve this measure.

Yours Truly,



Wanda Michalski

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Representative Bobby Rush