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Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
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395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 35087, Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation – Control—EJ&E West Company.

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

As an elected official representing communities in the western suburbs of Chicago, I would like to notify you of my support of CN's purchase of the EJ&E.

Transportation is a key component of our economy. With expectations of consumers to have the goods they desire readily available at affordable prices, we need to address the growing freight traffic through our region. As a state legislator, I also understand the high costs associated with major infrastructure projects and know that public pot is limited. That is why I appreciate this project; it relies on private funds to improve the rail infrastructure that benefits the private carrier.

As a government leader it is important to me that we improve and upgrade our infrastructure, giving our businesses the needed connections to goods and markets. The EJ&E is an existing rail line in our region that will allow for minimal investment but will result in improved freight mobility and efficiencies, giving both our businesses and consumers the desire outcome.

Sincerely,

Bob Biggins
State Representative

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