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September 3, 2008

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

I am writing to express my support for the Canadian National Railroad's proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company. As the Executive Director of the Buffalo Grove Area Chamber of Commerce and a proud resident of this community, I am encouraged by the prospect of a more efficient rail system and the benefits that CN's plan will bring to our region.

CN's proposal is a good one for the economy of my community and of the Chicago area as a whole. In fact, the streamlining of rail operations will benefit over 700 Buffalo Grove businesses by reducing train congestion and allowing for the smoother and more rapid transportation of goods and services throughout the region.

In terms of cost and environmental impact, there is no more efficient way to ship goods than by rail. In addition to saving consumers money, more efficient rail transit will lower the number of trucks on our roadways, resulting in lower fuel emissions and cleaner air.

CN has demonstrated its commitment to working with Metra and Amtrak, an issue of great importance to commuters across the Chicago metropolitan area as well as visitors passing through for business and pleasure. The possibility of passenger and commuter services as well as expanded weekend service will improve the quality of life for residents of Buffalo Grove and help commerce and tourism thrive in communities like ours.

I believe this acquisition is in the best interests of the businesses and residents of Buffalo Grove as well as the entire region. Thank you for your time and, on behalf of the Buffalo Grove Area Chamber of Commerce, I urge you to approve the CN acquisition of the EJ&E Railway.

Sincerely,

Lynne Schneider
Executive Director
Buffalo Grove Area Chamber of Commerce

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