

January 27, 2008

To: Charles Nottingham, Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC

RE: FD 35087

I am a City Council member in the City of Champaign, Illinois, and a member of the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation.

I urge you to require the construction of a new connection at Grand Crossing as a condition of approving the request by CN to acquire EJ&E lines.

The degradation of Amtrak service from Champaign (home of the University of Illinois) to Chicago would deal a severe blow to the economy of our community and would adversely affect our goals for the City of Champaign.

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