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Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

As Police Chief of the Village of Franklin Park, Illinois, I am writing to detail the positive impact of reducing freight traffic on the lives and safety of the residents of our community.

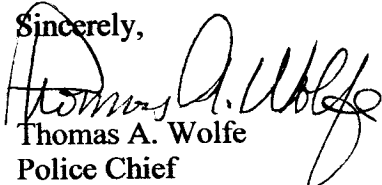
As a result of the freight traffic, the Village of Franklin Park must reroute our first responders or rely upon neighboring communities to respond to emergency calls.

When our officers respond to calls for assistance, we must determine whether freight trains are blocking the quickest means to the location of the caller. When seconds and minutes matter, blocked grade crossings can compromise our ability to save lives and protect our citizens.

In addition, fewer freight trains mean less noise and congestion in our community and fewer opportunities for our children to find their way onto busy rail lines.

I urge you to consider the improved safety on the residents of the communities that will see fewer freight trains and approve the CN acquisition of the EJ&E Railway.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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