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

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

It is time that something is done regarding the excessive amount of train traffic that flows through my community of Harvey every day. CN Railway has offered to divert freight train traffic around, instead of through Chicago, and I feel that the Surface Transportation Board should provide CN with the necessary permission. This would allow CN to purchase a portion of the EJ&E line running along the outskirts of town.

I try to take alternate routes when I can, but normally I am caught at train crossings about four times a week. Customarily, these delays last about 10 minutes and sometimes longer if there is rail bottle-necking in front of the train blocking traffic. I generally plan extra "wasted" time into my commute before I leave home to compensate for these delays.

I have lived in Harvey for 28 years and have gotten used to the noise from the trains, but the delays never fail to annoy me. As CN's plan offers much needed relief, it is my hope that you will not hesitate to approve it. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Emma Artis

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