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

Re. Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

We urge support of the proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad by Canadian National Railway. Living nearby—we believe this will have a positive environmental impact on both passenger and commuter rail in the area, as well as on freight traffic; and quality of life for thousands of Chicagoans. It would also enhance the view of Chicago as a clean, modern Olympic host city for 2016.

As we approach yet another Earth Day—it should be noted that if approved, the acquisition would have a positive environmental impact since freight trains are more fuel-efficient and less polluting than trucks. They are also safer.

While it is true that some 33 communities will see more trains—it must be recognized that almost 3 times that—88 communities, will see a reduction of train traffic. Given Chicago's history as a transportation center—this is a fair rebalancing of the stress this financially important business brings to all Chicagoans.

Additionally, given the current economic downturn, it is laudable that CN plans to offer jobs to present EJ&E employees.

We hope to read of your support soon.

Quite Sincerely,

Gary & Candace Drimmer

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