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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

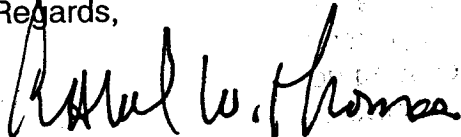
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I would like to express support for CN railway's proposed acquisition of a portion of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern rail line. With their plan, CN would reroute many of the trains that currently run through South Holland onto less congested rails to the south and west of the city. This would resolve the train congestion in the Chicago area as well as reduce the number of freight trains that come through my community.

Reducing train congestion would help freight move more efficiently through the Chicago region. This improvement would be positive for the region's economy, which depends much on transportation. Less congestion would also mean less traffic delays at crossings. The traffic can sometimes result in delays up to 15 minutes, depending on the route one takes. As you can see, the advantages of this acquisition are extensive.

For these reasons, I support CN's proposal and hope you will give your much-needed approval. The residents of the Chicago area would greatly benefit from plans such as these. Thank you for your time.

Regards,



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