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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

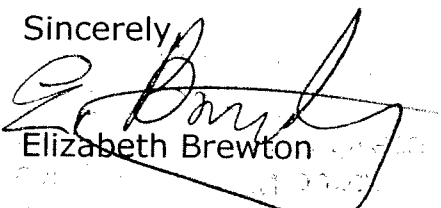
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

CN has proposed a partial purchase of EJ&E that will inevitably loosen up traffic and increase productivity in freight service. This proposal is comprised of CN purchasing a large sector of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern railway line, and redirecting many stagnant routes to the rural areas of the Chicago region. If this plan is approved, residents of Harvey can look forward to easier travel and more consistent traffic.

I get stopped by idle trains on a regular basis. Sometimes I can get around them, but at other times, it is impossible to do so. In addition, when I travel outside of my area, I run into trains. On more than one occasion, I have found myself waiting at a crossing for a half an hour. This proposal will help to cut down on congestion in Harvey, and will have residual effects in other areas.

Madame Secretary, please do not allow us to miss out on this opportunity to improve the state of our train system. Please support and approve this acquisition, as it will be the catalyst in improving transportation in Harvey.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth Brewton

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama

