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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:

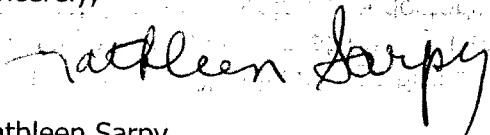
CN Railway has acknowledged the problem regarding the train congestion that negatively affects commuters. The company has developed a plan that will help limit delays caused by freight trains and loosen up traffic in Blue Island. This plan will enable CN to acquire a large portion of less-congested tracks located in more rural parts of the Chicago area and redirect many freight trains to this line. This plan's strategy will indisputably improve travel and ease traffic tensions throughout the Chicago region.

Sadly, in Blue Island, getting stuck waiting at a train-crossing is almost a way of life. There is a 90% chance that I will get stuck either on my way to work or coming from work. On one occasion, I was going to a doctor's appointment and was stuck waiting for a freight train to cross. This was extremely frustrating as the doctor's office was right across the track. It is a very aggravating situation and I am glad that CN is finally doing something to curtail train congestion.

I have lived in the Blue Island area for 20 years and train congestion has been an ongoing problem. Sometimes, I try to take alternate routes, but on many occasions, one cannot even get around the shortcuts. Many motorists have the same idea as I do and take alternate routes, so it is almost inevitable that one will end up in just as much traffic as when they started out.

If this proposal is approved, I will be able to travel worry free. I would no longer have to question if I am going to get to my appointment on time or if I am going to make it to work on time. As a concerned resident of Blue Island, I strongly encourage you to support and approve this proposal.

Sincerely,



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