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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:

The traffic in Chicago and surrounding areas has increasingly become a problem for area residents. Train congestion is one of the major causes of this gridlock. Fortunately, CN, a prominent railroad company, has decided to help improve traffic relations through the proposed purchase of a portion of the EJ&E line. This acquisition will allow CN to move forward with their plan to relieve the railway congestion in this area. Their plan includes purchasing this portion of underused tracks that are located on the outskirts of the Chicago area and redirecting many freight train routes to these tracks. It goes without saying that this will unquestionably improve the way residents of the Chicago area travel.

I frequently come across train traffic in my daily travels. Oftentimes, when I drive to the community center in my neighborhood, I have to deal with idle and slow moving trains at crossings. If this proposal goes through, there will be a lot less traffic in this area and I will be able to enjoy my community and its amenities much more. In addition, I have three different train tracks that I frequently must cross, all of which are near my home. Because I will have fewer trains passing through so close to where I live, I can fully appreciate what CN is proposing to do.

Please support and approve this transaction between CN and EJ&E. This proposal will alleviate travel frustrations for residents throughout the south suburbs.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Robertson".

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cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama