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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

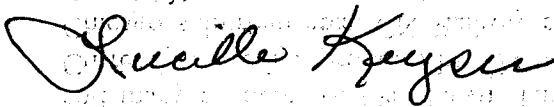
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

The freight rail traffic throughout the Chicago region has become a common ordeal for me and many residents of Oak Lawn. This is an important issue that needs to be addressed. Currently there is a proposal by CN to re-route many freight trains to the outskirts of the Chicago suburban area. CN Railway requires your permission to purchase a segment rail from Elgin, Joliet & Eastern in order to do this. I hope you will see fit to support this effort.

I have lived in the area since about 1975. Almost every day I am stopped at train crossings. Normally, my average wait is 10-15 minutes at each crossing. However, I recall being delayed at 95th Street once when I had to wait for about 45 minutes. I was once delayed by four trains – one after the other. I work as a nanny for four boys and part of my duties include driving the children to various places such as tennis practice and picking them up from school. On one occasion I was 45 minutes late picking them up from school and their mother was quite upset.

In addition to the major inconveniences, I have also seen both ambulances and fire engines stuck at crossings. This is obviously not an inconvenience, but a major problem. To ensure both the quality of life of our residents and their security as well, the Surface Transportation Board needs to approve CN's acquisition of the EJ&E line. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lucille Keyser