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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:

Rail congestion in the Chicago area is a major inconvenience to the area's commuters, including myself. For this reason, I am writing to express my support for CN's plan to address this problem. CN's plan, which includes a proposal to purchase a portion of the EJ&E rail line and reroute many of their freight trains, will greatly benefit the residents of the Chicago area.

During my daily travels, I frequently get delayed at railroad crossings, mostly in Dolton and Riverdale. In fact, I usually find that the trains come around 4 pm when the streets are already extremely busy. This greatly disrupts the flow of traffic and adds to the backups. Additionally, when I am returning from my meetings late at night, around 11 pm, I almost always get stuck behind a train. This is extremely frustrating to me as I would like to be able to make it home without too many delays. Unfortunately, this is not the case.

As you can see, the rail congestion causes problems for many residents and needs to be addressed as soon as possible. CN's plan is a viable solution to the congestion and should receive your swift approval. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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