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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Subject: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

CN has taken into consideration the residual effects that rail congestion has on South Holland. They have developed a plan that will help reduce the number of freight trains that come through South Holland; thus, improving traffic conditions for commuters. The plan consists of redirecting many freight trains to an underused portion of the EJ&E rail line outside of Chicago. As someone that experiences traffic due to rail congestion, it is important that I voice my support for this proposal.

Although I do not drive, my husband does and we often find ourselves delayed by idling trains. The majority of the time, the wait is about 10 minutes. This may not seem like a long time; however, in 10 minutes we could have arrived at our destination. Oftentimes, we take alternate routes to avoid the wait, but there are times where I have seen people who are so frustrated with the frequent delays that they attempt to dangerously turn around and go another way. If approved, not only will we be able to get to our intended destinations much faster, but it will also alleviate the need for people to turn around haphazardly.

I encourage you to take this proposal into consideration and the benefits it will bestow upon the community of South Holland. Please support and approve this acquisition swiftly so that we can travel with more ease.

Sincerely,



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