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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:

As a resident of Harvey, I would like to write in my support for the acquisition of the EJ&E line by CN. If approved, CN will be able to go through with their plan of solving the problems with rail congestion by redirecting many of their freight trains to this existing, under-utilized line on the outskirts of Chicago. This proposal will improve traffic conditions and will increase the efficacy of rail transportation.

I have grandchildren and oftentimes, I pick them up from school. It is during these times when I get stopped the most by freight trains. I have to be at their school by 3:00; unfortunately, I usually do not make it there until 3:20. This unfair to me and more importantly, it is unfair to my grandchildren who have to wait those extra twenty minutes. In addition, I have also been late to doctor's appointments. I try to take alternate routes, but they sometimes put me ten minutes out of my way; regardless of if I choose to wait for the train to pass or go another route, time and fuel is wasted. It is not hard to see that the railway congestion has personally caused many problems for me.

As a concerned citizen, I strongly recommend that you assess this proposal and ensure that it is approved with firm conviction. The community of Harvey is counting on you to continue to help to improve our transportation system.

Sincerely,

Adrianne Thomas

