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Ms. Victoria J. Rutson
 Chief of the Section of Environmental Analysis
 Surface Transportation Board
 395 E Street, Southwest
 Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Chief Rutson,

Enclosed, you will find my letter to Chairman Nottingham regarding the Canadian National Railway Company's acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railway Company. Please advise.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter. Should you have any questions concerning my correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Karen Tallian
 Indiana State Senator
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The Honorable Charles Nottingham
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
359 E Street, Southwest
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Chairman Nottingham,

I write today in support of the effort put forth by the municipalities in Northwest Indiana to ensure the Canadian National Railway Company's (CN) acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E) is subject to a process that proves fair to the affected communities.

It is my understanding that rail traffic through certain communities will increase as much as threefold. To that end, I urge the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to work through its review process with all deliberateness and carefully review the impact this increase will have on all facets of municipal operations. Further, any impact upon area businesses, pedestrian traffic, and vehicular traffic – especially that of first responders – should be considered before a final decision to allow the acquisition to proceed is rendered. I am encouraged by the STB's decision to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and welcome the opportunity for my constituents to have a voice during this process.

Again, as a state legislator who is entrusted by my constituents to make sound decisions benefiting Northwest Indiana, I offer my support to the municipal leaders who are working diligently to minimize the negative ramifications this acquisition will have upon their respective jurisdictions.

Sincerely,



Karen Tallian
Indiana State Senator
District # 4

Cc: Acting Secretary Anne K. Quinlan
Cc: Chief Victoria J. Rutson