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Subject: Thank you for your letter of 1/31/08

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Ms. Park, I'm replying to your letter of January 31, 2008, (to Mr. Ken Blodgett of my staff) via this email because the scoping comment expires tomorrow and I wanted you to get my reply asap. Mr. Blodgett brought to speed on the Century Trace Home Owners Association interest in having the Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) expand its schedule of scoping open house meetings to include Naperville/Plainfield area. We had other requests to host an open house in the Aurora/Naperville/Plainfield area, but unfortunately, we not able to accommodate the requests for additional open houses.

I hope that it was not too inconvenient for the citizens of Aurora, Naperville, and Plainfield to travel to West Chicago for the open house that we held in that community. We consider all comments equally, so comments submitted in writing and through our E-FILING system or over the telephone using our toll-free hotline number (1-800-347-0689) are treated just the same as those given orally to us during the open house meetings.

THESE ARE EARLY DAYS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS. We are simply gathering comments about what issues we should examine in the Environmental Impact Statement we are preparing. Comments on this early phase of the environmental review must be postmarked by Feb. 15, 2008. There will be other opportunities for public involvement.

All the information available at the open house meetings will be available on the Board's website at www.stb.dot.gov, by clicking on Environmental Matters, Key Cases, and Canadian National/EJ&E West.

I hope this information is helpful. We value the input of the citizens of Century Trace and wish that we had the resources, time, and ability to host open houses in each of the many communities along the EJ&E line where train traffic may increase and along the CN lines into Chicago where train traffic may decrease.

Please don't hesitate to call me if you would like to discuss this in person.

Sincerely,

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