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

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

CN has proposed to reduce the number of freight trains in Harvey by purchasing a part of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern rail line. If this transaction is approved, CN will then be able to move forward with their plan by redirecting many freight train routes to this underused rail line that encompasses the Chicago area. This plan will improve the way commuters and freight trains travel.

My husband and I are inconvenienced quite a bit by the number of freight trains passing through Harvey. In fact, on one occasion, we were coming back from the hospital, and not surprisingly, we had to wait for a train. To make matters worse, after that train left the crossing, another train came from the opposite direction. Needless to say, we had to sit there and wait for at least 45 minutes in order to get to our home. Furthermore, due to the unpredictable trains, I often get stopped at crossings late at night. It simply is not safe for a woman to be stuck waiting at a train crossing during night hours.

I encourage you to support and approve this acquisition. Now is the time to make necessary changes to our transportation system so that our quality of travel can improve.

Sincerely,



Joyce Cole