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May 29, 2008

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:

I am a Chicago area business owner and wish to take a moment to bring to your attention CN's plan to reduce Chicago train congestion. I support CN's purchase of a part of the EJ&E line. I strongly urge you to move this plan forward.

The amount of freight traffic in the Chicago region is too burdensome on the existing rail system. Rail congestion leads to many other issues for area residents. For example, I am stopped at a crossing every day. As I wait, the time elapsed can be anywhere from 5 to 20 minutes. This is a waste of my time, gas, and money. As a businessman, I need to travel to meetings, which I sometimes have to postpone or reschedule because of this problem. This area also has a major pollution problem because of the trains. CN's plan will reduce congestion by distributing freight traffic across additional rail lines allowing more efficient travel on our railroads.

If something isn't done about the train congestion issue, it will only worsen as the population continues to grow throughout the Chicago region. CN has a viable plan to address this issue. Please approve CN's partial acquisition of EJ&E line.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Altaf Ansari". The signature is written in dark ink and is located below the "Sincerely," text.

Altaf Ansari

cc: Senator Richard Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Peter Roskam