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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

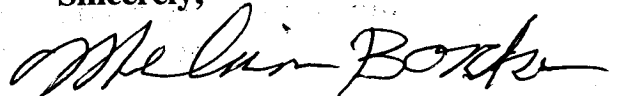
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am burdened on a daily basis by the traffic caused by rail congestion throughout Chicago. This is why I am taking action by expressing my support of the CN Railway proposed acquisition of the EJ&E. CN intends to re-route some of the freight traffic to this existing rail line once it is acquired.

As a resident of Harvey, I deal with the most congestion at the 159th Street crossing. I usually have to wait for about 30 minutes for a train to pass this crossing. If it takes longer than 30 minutes for a train to pass, I usually have to find another way to go.

In addition to having to wait at railway crossings, I have found that the trains move way too slow, which can affect the rate at which goods are moved. Under CN's plan, goods will be delivered with greater efficiency, which I fully support. I hope this acquisition is approved!

Sincerely,


Melvin Banks