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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 East Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am the Mayor for the Village of Riverdale, Illinois. I am submitting this letter in support of the Canadian National Railroad's acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway provided that the Canadian National works with our regional organization, the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, to maximize the potential positive economic benefits that could occur as a result of the acquisition. Additionally, I would request that the Canadian National work with the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association to alleviate any potential negative impacts that the south suburban communities of the City of Chicago may experience due to increased train traffic.

Getting more freight into the south suburbs can help our regional economy and as well as the Village of Riverdale. I recognize that when the economy of metropolitan Chicago region is hurt by the inability to move freight to and from its destinations, the economies of smaller communities like ours are hurt as well. Decreasing rail congestion in the region will make it easier for our industry and businesses throughout the region to move product to and from their states.

I expect that the environmental review process will be thorough and will identify all the impacts and recommend appropriate mitigation. However, I hope the process will not be needlessly delayed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Zenovia G. Evans".

Zenovia G. Evans
Mayor