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VIA REGULAR MAIL AND E-MAIL

June 14, 2011

Mr. Kevin Keller
HDR Engineering, Inc.
4435 Main Street, Suite 1000
Kansas City, MI 64111

Re: Finance Docket No. 35522, CSX Transportation, Inc. - Acquisition - Grand Trunk
Western Railroad Company

Dear Mr. Keller:

Please be advised that this office represents the Village of Evergreen Park ("Village"). Mayor Sexton has directed me to respond to your request for input from the Village relative to CSX's proposed acquisition of the 22.3 mile rail line from the Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company.

Based upon the information provided to the Village, it is anticipated that CSX's proposed acquisition will ultimately result in an increase in train volume from an average of 3.5 trains per day to 25 trains per day. The area surrounding the train line is densely populated. The aforementioned increase in train volume will impose a substantial burden on the homeowners abutting and living in close proximity to the train line as a result of increased noise and vibration. The additional number of trains will also heighten the threat of hazardous materials spills and have an adverse impact on air quality. In short, an approximate six-fold increase in train volume will have a substantial (and palpable) negative environmental impact on the residents of the Village.

The substantial increase in the number of trains will also have an adverse effect on traffic congestion and delays. For example, Ninety-Fifth Street is a heavily traveled thoroughfare. The congestion attending the closure of the 95th Street grade crossing to allow for the significant increase in train volume will exasperate an existing traffic problem. The added train volume will also adversely impact upon pedestrian safety issues both at the grade crossing and along the train line generally.

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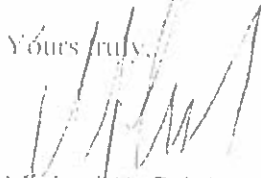
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Finally, the congestion at the 95th Street grade crossing due to increased train operations will have a significant adverse effect on emergency responders. The train line essentially bisects the Village. Accordingly, a substantial portion of the Village's residents will experience a delayed response from the Village's Police and Fire Departments. The delayed access to emergency services will not only affect Village's residents, but will also have an area wide impact. Christ Hospital is located on 95th Street in the Village of Oak Lawn, approximately 1 ½ miles west of the grade crossing. Christ Hospital is one of only two Level I trauma centers located in southern Cook County (the other being Stroger Hospital). Delayed access to Christ Hospital will affect those who need prompt and critical medical treatment the most. The installation of an underpass at the 95th Street grade crossing would mitigate the emergency response time delays.

Thank you for your professional courtesy.

Yours truly,



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cc: Hon. James J. Sexton, Mayor