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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am writing in order to express my support for CN's proposed acquisition of a portion of the EJ&E Railway. This transaction, if approved, will allow CN to move forward with their plan to reduce the rail congestion experienced throughout the Chicago area.

I have lived in Oak Lawn for 16 years and during this time, I have learned to avoid Central Avenue and surrounding areas, where the freight crossings are located, as the traffic there is horrendous. I would appreciate a reduction in the frequency of freight trains in this area and the resulting traffic backups so that I do not have to worry about finding alternate routes to go certain places.

Under CN's plan, the number of trains passing through my area will be reduced to just one train per day, a large reduction from our current situation. Not only will this relieve traffic problems, but it will also decrease the amount of pollution being emitted into the air we breathe, as freight trains will be forced to idle a lot less frequently. For these reason, I urge you to approve this acquisition.

Sincerely,



Bertha Hurst