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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Subject: CN Railway Company/EJ&E
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I would like to take a few moments to voice my opinion regarding an important issue in my community of South Holland. Specifically, we continue to face an excruciating amount of traffic due to freight train congestion. As a result, I request that you approve CN's proposal to acquire a portion of EJ&E. If given approval, this move would help residents in a multitude of ways.

The way that CN plans to reduce freight traffic is by redirecting the movement of freight trains to an existing rail line on the outskirts of the Chicago area. If this is allowed to be pursued, the effects will certainly be noticed. I can recall that when my granddaughter was in high school in Thornwood, I would encounter freight trains blocking the 170th Street crossing on my way to drop her off. Under CN's plan, people engaged in similar tasks would not be so burdened.

Another important factor in your decision regarding this transaction should be the environment. Clearly, idle freight trains eject many pollutants into the atmosphere. The effect of this on our air quality, and ultimately on our citizens' health, is worrisome to say the least. If fewer trains are forced to idle and create an unpleasant environment, we will all benefit.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my opinion on this issue. Given what I have conveyed, you should find approving this acquisition essential.

Sincerely,

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