

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 8, 2008

The Honorable Gene L. Dodaro
Acting Comptroller General
U.S. Government Accountability Office
441 G Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20548

The Honorable Joseph Boardman
Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Boardman and Mr. Dodaro,

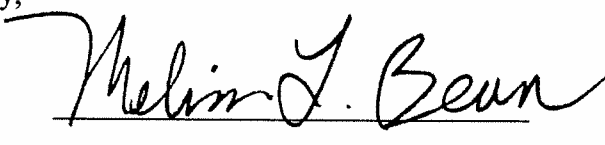
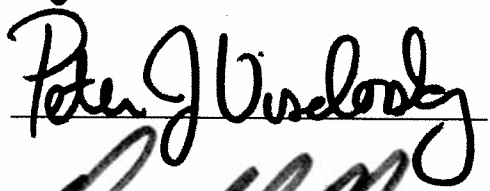
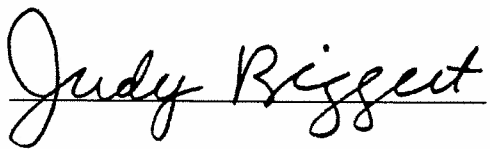
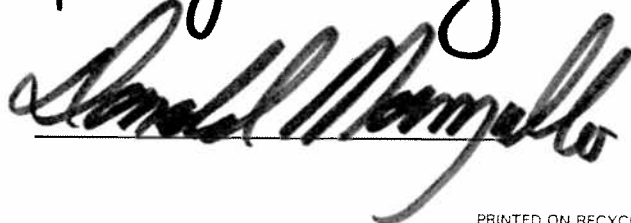
We are writing to express our concern with the deflection being perpetrated by Canadian National (CN) regarding its proposed acquisition Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway (EJ&E). In a letter dated June 20, 2008, the CN suggests that we are not genuinely concerned with the safety of our constituents. We cannot emphasize with enough vigor how offensive such a position is.

In considering policy and executing the duties of our offices, our primary consideration is always given to the safety and well-being of our constituents. Accordingly, when information is available that raises legitimate questions about the safety record of CN, we rise to ensure that all due protections are offered to the people we represent. The Canadian Parliament's Rail Safety Report was not the first to raise questions about CN's safety record. If CN claims it has made improvements, we urge them to bring those to our attention. However, any undocumented assertion made by CN does not substitute a thorough review of their entire safety record as requested on behalf of our constituents.

Along with expressing our offense at CN's allegation of our motives, we write to insist upon our request that reports on CN's safety record be submitted to the Surface Transportation Board (STB Finance Docket #35087). This is vital to our shared duty and mission to provide real transportation solutions that protect public safety.

We appreciate your continued consideration.

Sincerely,

CC: Ms. Anne Quinlan, Surface Transportation Board
Ms. Victoria J. Rutson, Surface Transportation Board
Ms. Karen Borlaug Phillips, Canadian National Government Affairs