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

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I sincerely urge you to support CN's proposed acquisition of the EJ&E line. CN intends to reduce our city's rail congestion by re-routing the most congested rail routes to this newly acquired line. I have been a Brookfield resident for 17 years, and ever since I have moved here, the train congestion has been a problem. It is a relief that someone is finally taking action on this issue, as I have yet to see any changes in the congestion from city efforts to address this problem.

Three blocks from my house is the 47th Street and East Avenue crossing. The trains do not discriminate on the time of day; the crossing always seems to be blocked. The trains are long and loud. Sometimes the delays are 15 minutes, and during this time, everyone is forced to sit and waste their gas. If I am traveling anywhere in the area, I always have to take into consideration that a train may block any of the numerous crossings and delay me several minutes at a time. These delays make traveling through the area very frustrating. Reducing the train congestion should be a priority.

CN's plan will positively impact the lives of our city's residents. I fully support moving a portion of our city's freight traffic to the EJ&E line. Please approve of CN's partial acquisition of the EJ&E rail line.

Sincerely,


Elaine Quarello