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Dear Secretary Williams,

I am writing today in support of the Canadian National Railroad's proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company.

The railway congestion in the Chicago Metropolitan region has worsened as shipping by rail line has increased in volume. The future of Chicago as a railway hub depends upon finding solutions to the railway congestion that delays shipments to and from destinations across the country.

The Canadian National Railroad's acquisition of the EJ&E line is step towards diminishing overall railway congestion in the region. Rerouting traffic that's passing through Chicago for destinations elsewhere in the country and beyond will decrease costs to business across the country during a challenging economic time.

In addition, many industries in Bedford Park utilize the rail lines for their shipping and receiving needs. Decreased gridlock in the Chicago region would be good for their bottom lines as well.

In closing, on behalf of the Bedford Park-Clearing Industrial Association, I would urge you to support the Canadian National's acquisition of the EJ&E Railway Company. It would be good for the Chicago region and our country.

Sincerely,

Donald Stanczyk, President
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