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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:

As a long time resident of Franklin Park, I am writing to you in support of CN's proposal to acquire much of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway. This will relieve much of the freight traffic that comes here, bringing significant benefits to residents of the Chicago area in the process.

Although there have been attempts to alleviate delays caused by railways by building an underpass at one of the more busy crossings, there are still many trains in Franklin Park that cause problems for natives. For example, there is a high frequency of freight trains passing through this area and sometimes even stopping at intersections. This causes delays not only for residents, but for first responders as well. In an emergency, time is of the essence, and clogged freight trains only add unnecessary complications.

If CN is able to acquire a portion of EJ&E, much of our current rail traffic will get transferred to less congested tracks in the region. This will greatly reduce their time spend idling, which currently creates negative environmental and health effects, as well as decrease the number of cargo trains that travel through areas such as Franklin Park.

For these reasons, I ask for your approval of CN's proposed acquisition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Cascio".

Joseph Cascio

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Rahm Emanuel