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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary,
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

I write today in support of Canadian National Railroad's proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company. This acquisition will play an important role in strengthening our business community at a critical time, and on behalf of the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce, I urge you to please consider our support of this proposal.

Railway congestion in the Chicago area has been such a daunting challenge for so long that many people assume it will *always* be a challenge; that gridlock is inevitable; that goods and services are destined to move slowly through the region.

While we take pride that we are a major rail hub for the nation, we feel we must plan wisely for the continuing rise in the amount of rail traffic in our area.

The CN plan deserves very real consideration moving forward, as the streamlining of rail operations will bring economic, environmental and public-safety benefits to Forest Park and the entire region.

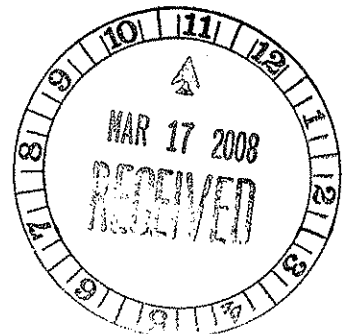
I urge you to support the proposal.

Sincerely,



Heidi Vance
President

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