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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 urge you to approve CN Railway's proposed acquisition of a segment of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern rail line running along the outskirts of Chicago. This would enable CN to move forward with a plan to reroute most of the freight traffic out of the city, as it has become difficult to navigate through the congestion.

The traffic back-ups caused by the railway congestion are very inconvenient. I wind up in traffic jams at least twice a day. The crossings from 159th Street to 147th Street and Paulina are two of the most difficult and generally require waits of 10-15 minutes. With sky-rocketing gas prices, one does not want to sit in traffic with the motor running. Additionally, I am concerned about the pollutants being released by idling road and rail traffic, particularly since my grandson suffers from asthma. If you do not grant approval for this acquisition, more valuable time and fuel will continue to be wasted as more pollutants are released into environment around Chicago. We really cannot afford to allow the railway congestion to continue like this for much longer. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sandrea Harvey

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama