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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 have been a resident of Elmhurst for 32 years and have personally experienced the aches and pains of a growing metropolitan area. I am writing to convey my support for CN's purchase of the EJ&E line and their plan to relocate freight traffic to the less congested line that runs outside of the greater-Chicago area.

Transporting goods by train is the most efficient, cost effective means when infrastructure is able to support it. However due to the congestion and tight spaces in Chicagoland's urban areas, trains can take up to 24 hours to travel through the region; not at all efficient or cost effective. CN's plan to redirect freight traffic to less congested lines is a viable solution. Diverting the trains will give a boost to the economy and reduce frustrating, train-induced traffic delays for area residents. In addition, the shift will reduce the amount of pollution and toxins emitted by idling trains.

I urge you to approve this purchase that ensures resourceful use of all available railroads and builds a workable blueprint for the future. Please help keep the trains moving and help make our communities better places to live.

Sincerely,


John Baltz

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Peter Roskam