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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:

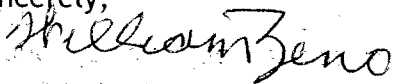
As a lifelong resident of Chicago, I am writing in order to show my support for CN's proposed acquisition of a portion of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway. By relieving rail congestion and decreasing the amount of freight trains that travel through the area, Chicago would experience significant environmental and economic benefits as a result of this deal.

I have lived through the Great Depression and have also seen the city prosper economically. The transportation of goods via train was one of the foundations for economic growth in Chicago and the country during the last half-century. It is vital that this foundation is maintained, and unless the problems surrounding railway congestion are not addressed, Chicago could lose \$2 billion in production and 17,000 jobs over the next twenty years.

In addition to economic issues, the railway congestion also contributes to problems regarding the environment. It can take a freight train around 24 hours to make it through the city of Chicago. Since most of this time is spent idling, excessive pollutants are emitted into the air, a very alarming reality for those of us concerned with our health.

If CN is able to acquire the EJ&E line, much of the current freight traffic will be directed away from the city. This will not only make trips easier, but will also get trains to where they need to go faster. I urge you to consider the future of Chicago - environmentally and economically, and approve CN's acquisition of a portion of the EJ&E Railway.

Sincerely,



William Zeno

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Danny K. Davis