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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

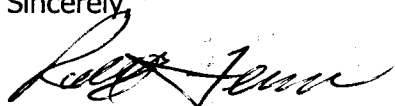
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

As a resident of South Holland, I would like to voice my support for CN's proposed partial acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway in order to relieve Chicago's railway congestion. Because of my experience in the transportation industry, I have a sharp awareness for the need of the freight trains to operate at a high level of efficiency, which they are not currently doing. If we are ever going to see some relief from the railway congestion and resulting problems, this transaction needs your approval.

I have been living in South Holland since 1986, and before I retired, I was the Chief of Maintenance Operations for United Airlines at O'Hare Airport. The main issue the railway congestion brings is in the constant idling of trains, which results in an unnecessary amount of pollutants being emitted into our air. For example, the trains that operate at 143rd and Western Avenue are notorious for releasing toxins as they spend a lot of time idling in the area. There is a strong parallel between noise and air pollution from trains, as when the trains are running, they are not only making a lot of noise, but they are also putting out a large amount of pollution. Finding a solution to this problem, such as CN's proposal, is something I support.

This purchase will greatly benefit the Chicago area. We need your approval to ensure CN's plan to reroute a large portion of the freight traffic off of congested railways is approved. With this plan, the freight trains will be able to run on more fluid rail lines, reducing the amount of time they spend idling and increasing their efficacy. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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