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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

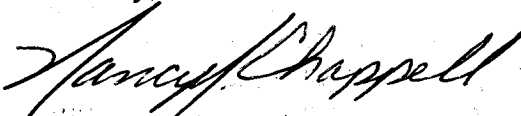
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

As you may know, CN has recently proposed a partial purchase of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern rail line. This purchase would relieve the railway congestion experienced throughout the region. With the purchase of this rail line, CN will be able to reroute many of their freight trains to this existing line that circumvents the Chicago area.

I have lived with my family in this area for over 15 years. My daughter takes gymnastics lessons and I usually get stopped at the railroad crossings by freight trains while I am bringing her to these classes. It can be extremely frustrating to wait at these crossings; they add time to my commute. In addition, my husband frequently gets stopped on his way to Niles for work.

If CN is able to acquire this portion of the EJ&E railway, many of the problems that come along with the railway congestion, will be relieved. The frequency of trains passing through my community will experience a significant decrease, which will reduce the amount of delays we experience at railroad crossings. Because of this, I urge you to give your approval to this plan as it will bring significant benefits to the residents of the Chicago area.

Sincerely,


Nancy Chappell

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama