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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I have lived in Chicago for a total of 18 years. I see and hear freight traffic throughout the city on a regular basis. I can only imagine what detrimental effects it is having in terms of traffic and emissions.

Fortunately, a plan has been devised to re-route a large chunk of the current freight traffic outside of the city along a railway line that runs west and north of Chicago. I hope that you will give this effort your full support, as it will benefit the community significantly.

The details of the plan involve the CN Railway purchasing a section of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern railway, which would be used to accommodate a significant volume of freight traffic that would otherwise continue to choke traffic arteries in Chicago. If the plan is approved, freight trains will be able to bypass the congestion in Chicago, residents will spend less time waiting for freight trains at crossings or side-tracked on commuter rail lines, and everyone should be able to literally breathe more easily. It is a winning combination.

Please support this effort to provide Chicago with a better transportation infrastructure that will benefit all parties involved. Thank you.

Yours Truly,



Elvina Chahine

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky