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Surface Transportation Board
Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball
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395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Finance Docket No. 35087
East Joliet Fire Protection District

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

This letter is sent in response to a notification received by the East Joliet Fire Protection District regarding the proposed sale of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad to Canadian National Railway. I am authorized to write this letter by the Chief and the Board of Trustees of the Fire Protection District.

The East Joliet Fire Protection District is charged with the responsibility of fire protection, rescue, and ambulance service for a large area of land and will be very much impacted by an increase in the frequency and length of train traffic in the district. Response time is a very significant component of the delivery of service to our constituents. Any change in circumstances that will increase response time will endanger the safety and well being of the entire community served by the East Joliet Fire Protection District. Accordingly, the District is compelled to send you this letter in opposition to the proposed sale of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad to the Canadian National Railway.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Very truly yours,

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Thomas J. Gilbert

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cc: East Joliet Fire Protection District

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