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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:

If approved, CN's proposal to purchase a portion of the EJ&E line would be a great benefit to my neighborhood. Rerouting a major portion of freight traffic to this rail line, as CN plans to do if the purchase is approved, will help lessen a number of the irritations experienced in my neighborhood.

First of all, on their current route, trains go by my house, right near the South Park Avenue crossing in South Holland. As they commonly idle at or around this location, they tie up the crossing for 30 to 40 minutes at a time. This is particularly troubling when it happens during rush hour, as it often does. Jams at this time cause more drivers to go completely out of their way, wasting costly gasoline in the process. Moreover, the clogging up of the rails by these freight trains means that commuter trains have a greater likelihood of encountering delays on their passage through the Chicago region. As a result, many individuals are affected, regardless of their form of travel.

If this transaction is approved, CN would provide a strong corrective to all of this. Specifically, they plan to divert a large amount of rail traffic to the outer reaches of the region. I believe this to be a goal worthy enough to justify approving their purchase. I sincerely hope that you feel the same way.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Kocinski".

Robert Kocinski

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama