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The Honorable Peter J. Roskam
2246 Rayburn House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Roskam:

Thank you for your letter received on February 27, 2017, in support of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Village of Barrington's (Barrington) petition before the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) requesting an extension of oversight related to the 2008 acquisition of EJ&E West Company by the Canadian National Railway (CN). I appreciate knowing your views.

As you know, the IDOT and Barrington filed a petition on January 10, 2017, requesting that the Board require CN fund 58 percent (\$37.5 million) of the total costs of a grade separation at U.S. Highway 14 in Barrington as an additional mitigation for the 2008 transaction authorized in Canadian National Railway & Grand Trunk Corp.—Control—EJ&E West Co., FD 35087 (STB served Dec. 24, 2008). Their petition also requests that the formal Board oversight period for that transaction, which expired on January 23, 2017, be continued for approximately two additional years. On January 30, 2017, CN filed a response urging the Board to deny the petition.

Because the petition is currently pending before the Board, I cannot comment further on the matter or address the merits of the petition. However, please know that the Board is carefully considering the petition, the responses filed by the parties, and other comments received. Ms. Lucille Marvin, the Board's Director of the Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs and Compliance, will keep your office apprised of any developments in this proceeding. Should your staff have any questions, Ms. Marvin may be reached at 202-245-0238.

Again, thank you for contacting me. I appreciate your strong interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ann Begeman
Acting Chairman