



CHICAGOLAND
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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October 9, 2012

Diana F. Wood,
U.S. Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: Finance Docket No 35522; CSX Transportation Inc. 007637

Dear Ms. Wood,

On behalf of the membership of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, I am writing in support of CSX's acquisition of the "Eldon Line" from the Grand Trunk Railroad which the two railroads have achieved agreement on the transaction.

The mission of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce is to make Chicago the most business friendly region in the nation. In support of our mission, we have been a leader in supporting public and private investment in our infrastructure in order to promote a healthy economy. Additionally, we have been early and sustained supporters of the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficient (CREATE) Project which this transaction directly enhances.

CSX has submitted that this transaction will save as much as 1 hour per train by rerouting traffic over this line or 20 hours per day. This will be of great benefit to the region and indicates private investment in our infrastructure. We know that CSX will work hard to ensure a smooth transition with communities to handle the growing cargo in our region.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Gerald J. Roper
President & CEO