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Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball
Deputy Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

I am writing to you in regard to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) issued by the Surface Transportation Board (STB) for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company.

I represent the residents of several communities that are located along the existing CN line in suburban Chicago. Many of these constituents, both individuals and organizations, will see a reduction in freight train traffic as a result of the proposed transaction. They support the proposal and are interested in having their viewpoints heard. Because none of the Public Meetings are scheduled to be held anywhere close to the affected line, these residents will be required to travel long distances during rush hour in order to attend an Open House and Public Meeting as detailed in the draft EIS.

I join my colleague, State Representative Elaine Nekritz, in requesting that the STB schedule at least one additional hearing in northwest suburban Chicago, somewhere near the existing CN line. This will provide my constituents with the opportunity to get additional information on the proposed transaction, and to add their opinions to those of residents who live along the EJ&E. Please let me know if I can be of help in arranging such a meeting.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Ryg".

Kathy Ryg
State Representative - 59th District

cc: Chairman Nottingham
Vice Chairman Mulvey
Board Member Buttery
Hon. Anne K. Quinlan