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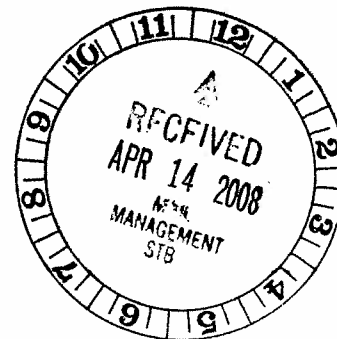
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Ms. Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001



Re: Canadian National Railway Company - Control - EJ&E West Company
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I write today in support of the proposed acquisition by the Canadian National Railway Company (CN) of the EJ&E West Company. After reviewing the acquisition details, it is clear that this transaction will benefit Michigan and its important shippers by making rail service faster and more reliable. In addition, such an acquisition would relieve congestion in Chicago allowing the rail industry to move freight more quickly.

While I understand that the rerouting of CN's trains onto the EJ&E line on the periphery of the city of Chicago will result in a train traffic increase for some suburban communities, I believe the benefits of this acquisition greatly outweigh any localized impacts. I also believe that CN is sensitive to such impacts and will work with the communities to develop appropriate strategies to address them.

I cannot stress enough the importance of this transaction to Michigan shippers. It is my hope that the STB will move quickly to approve this acquisition.

Sincerely,

Philip J. LaJoy
State Representative - 21st District