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Message: Dear Service Transportation Board,

I would like to express my support for the CNW acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad. As a resident and elected official in Franklin Park, representing River Grove and Elmwood Park, I would like to tell you how vital this acquisition would be to our area.

We have large amounts of train traffic passing through our three towns that should be fairly spread throughout our region. This acquisition by CNW would provide for a rapid, cost effective transport of goods through the Chicago area and this acquisition would help keep good paying jobs here in our region.

Additionally, this acquisition would improve the safety of the transportation of goods through our area by rail because it would more evenly distribute train traffic on seldomly used tracks. It would make our nation more competitive with other countries when it comes to reducing transportation costs to businesses operating here in the U.S.

Finally, the hearings held on this issue seem to disproportionately benefit the areas of the metro area that are opposed to this issue. I wish that you had provided more opportunity for, and notice of meetings in my area. I only recently learned of the hearing held earlier in Elmwood Park.

It may be helpful to put this issue in the perspective of allowing the acquisition to go forward to more fairly distribute rail traffic to all the areas of the metro that equally use the goods and products being transported and that equally benefit from the financial aspects of the transport.

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