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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

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Dear Secretary Quinlan:

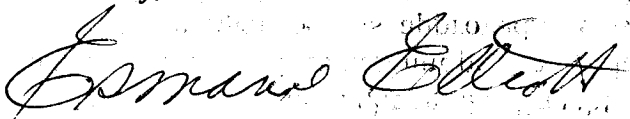
The amount of train congestion in my community is ridiculous, to put it mildly. I frequently tell people that I live in the middle of a train yard, and that is not as much of an exaggeration as one might think. Freight trains are a constant obstacle in my life and I must always take into account possible delays when traveling. If CN's proposal to acquire part of the EJ&E line is approved, we will finally see a reduction in the amount of congestion. If CN is able to transport a number of trains elsewhere, as they will if this move is given the go-ahead, I will be very appreciative.

Although I am retired, I still find myself grappling with the problem of train traffic as often as I did while working. At least twice a week, I am stopped at a railroad crossing in an often futile wait for trains to clear space enough to pass through. Whenever the wait goes beyond 15 minutes, as it frequently does, I give up and try to find alternate route, one that is invariably much longer. The crossing that causes me the most frustration is the one at 142nd Street in Dolton. Given the nature of where things are in this area, it is very difficult for me to avoid this crossing, and thus impossible for me, in the current environment, to ignore the effects of railroad congestion.

Currently, I am frequently in danger of being late to a regularly scheduled dance class that. Although this might seem like a trivial matter, recreational activities are important to a number of residents who see the connection between the ability to pursue their interests and a healthy outlook on life.

Because we are all living together in a crowded area, it is important that we try to reduce inconveniences and frustrations as much as possible. For these reasons, I strongly urge you to approve CN's proposal. Thank you for attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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