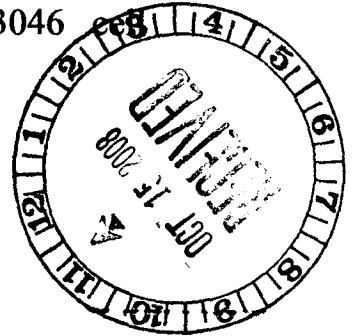


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The Hon. Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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RE: Docket # 35087

Dear Ms Quinlan,

I am writing you to support the Canadian National Railroads proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company. As a resident of the village of Forest Park, I believe that this acquisition will position our region for future economic growth, and enhance the overall quality of life for our people.

Chicago's status as a hub for rail transportation is critical to growth and competition in our region. As a resident of Forest Park, I am concerned that the problems facing the rail system in Chicago will put the economic well being of Forest Park at risk.

CN's plan to streamline rail traffic around Chicago will help us to attract new business and boost job growth, as well as bringing environmental and public safety benefits.

I urge you to support Canadian National Railroad's acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Co,

Thank You,


Michael J. Murphy

Cc: Hon Anthony T. Calderone