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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

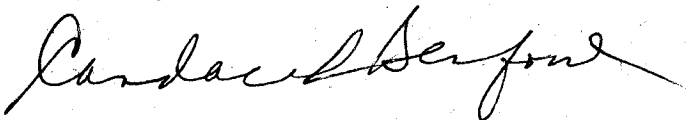
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I fully support CN railway's proposal to acquire a portion of the EJ&E line, located on the outskirts of the Chicago area. This would reduce the serious train congestion in the city of Chicago and its vicinity. The freight trains that come into the city can result in traffic backups, such as on Southwest Highway and on 67th Street.

Going to Midway Airport, for example, I have been late picking up family members due to the traffic backups from frequent freight trains. They get upset as they have to wait for me, and I get very irritated about the congestion and having to wait on the trains. Unfortunately, the delays are not restricted to being just five minutes long, delays as long as thirty minutes are not uncommon. I have seen times when freight trains have to backtrack and start up again. I can do nothing but sit in my car and wait for the trains to get through.

I have lived in Chicago for 45 years. The train congestion needs to be resolved now. CN railway is providing a concrete plan that takes a lot of trains away from some of the most congested places in the Chicago area. I encourage you to give your swift approval.

Sincerely,



Candace Benford

