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Ms. Ann Quinlan Esq
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Dear Ms. Anne Quinlan Esq,

I am a 94 year old Railroad Retiree with 50 years of experience in the railroad industry. The Canadian National Railroad has filed an application with the Surface Transportation Board to purchase the Elgin Joliet & Eastern Railroad. This is an extraordinary venture. Approval would benefit many in the area including the protestors, who have no knowledge of what is involved.

This venture would eliminate the need of going through the switching yard in the downtown Chicago. This route delays the train, causes additional consumption of expense fuel, excessive overtime pay, and late deliveries of commodities.

The protestors to this plan are unaware that they eventually will pay for some of this expense in a different form, which will continue until this change is made.

Senator Obama in his campaign speech stresses that "Change the Way that things are done the old way." Even the protestors agree with his ideas.

The Canadian National would change "The way freight trains are routed the old way."

Please approve the application now pending.

Sincerely,


James Danielwicz