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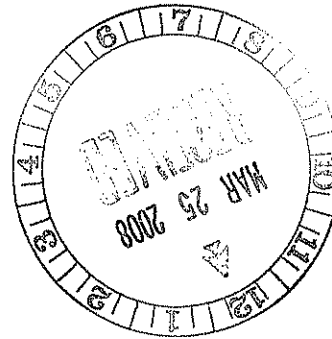


OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Anthony T. Calderone

March 15, 2008

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001



Re: Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

On behalf of the Elected Officials and the citizens of Forest Park, IL, I write to ask for your support of Canadian National Railroad's proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company.

The CN plan would bring major economic and environmental benefits to the entire region: freight traffic would be expedited; trains would no longer idle needlessly while burning precious fuel.

Of course, I understand that freight traffic in Forest Park would be reduced while other communities may see an increase. However, I also understand that our region is heavily interdependent, and that rerouting trains away from the congestion of the city will have a positive effect on communities across metro Chicago.

This step towards a smarter regional transportation network is an important one. I urge you to please help position our region for the future by supporting Canadian National Railroad's proposal.

Kindest regards,

Mayor Anthony T. Calderone

Cc: Commissioner Rory Hoskins
Commissioner Michael Curry
Commissioner Martin Tellalian
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