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Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

I wanted to write to you to let you know of my support for the CN proposed acquisition of the EJ&E rail lines. CN currently sends a huge amount of rail traffic directly past my building, and I can feel and hear each and every train that goes by. I know that if CN is allowed to acquire the proposed EJ&E lines, that most if not all of the traffic that runs past my building will be routed on the outskirts of the Chicagoland area. I know that this will speed transit times of this freight traffic through the area and reduce rail congestion.

I understand that the communities around the proposed re-route are against this because they don't want the trains affecting them. I highly doubt the trains will be running directly next to their houses like they are for mine today. Also I feel that the outlying communities of the Chicagoland area need absorb their share of the freight traffic that directly supports their way of living.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'MA', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Matthew Arata