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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

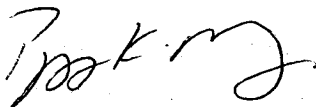
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

As the granddaughter of a former rail road worker, I am writing to ask for your support of CN's proposal to purchase a portion of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern rail line. If this acquisition is approved, CN will then move forward with their plan to resolve the railway congestion by rerouting some of the line's freight traffic onto these underused tracks that outline the area.

With the current level of congestion, it can take 24 hours for a train to make it through the city of Chicago alone. Most of this time is spent idling, wasting time and fuel. This results in higher transportation costs for those moving goods through the Chicago area. There is a connection between economic viability and traffic congestion, and unless this congestion is addressed, Chicago could lose \$2 billion in production and 17,000 jobs over the next twenty years. Additionally, the frequent idling of the trains, which are waiting to move to yards where they can unload their goods, results in multiple delays for the area's residents.

It is urgent that the problems with the railway congestion are addressed, as a strong railway system is vital to Chicago's economy. For this reason, I urge you to support CN's plan and help relieve the railway congestion.

Sincerely,



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