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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423



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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I fully support CN's plan to improve traffic by reducing the amount of freight trains that run in Harvey. CN will be able to do this if they are allowed to purchase a large portion of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern line and redirect freight trains toward the outskirts of the Chicago area. If approved, this plan will help to counteract the growing traffic problem in Harvey.

The inconvenience that idle trains produce is enervating. One can't even get around town the way one wants to because of freight trains blocking roads. Many times I try to travel via alternate routes, as do a vast number of people in Harvey. The process is especially frustrating given the high cost of gasoline. If this proposal goes through, however, we won't have to spend so much time and money traveling indirect and convoluted routes.

I am requesting that your board give its approval to CN's acquisition. Your continued support is needed in order to rebuild Harvey's transportation system. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Karan Thomas