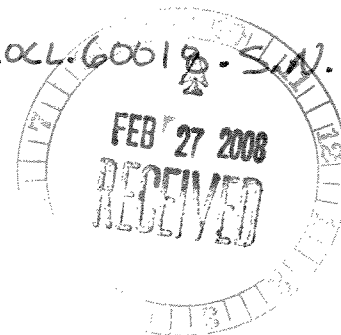


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February 20, 2008

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:

I am writing to express my support of Canadian National Railroad's proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company.

The Village of Rosemont benefits from our proximity to O'Hare International Airport and we have strongly supported efforts to modernize and expand the capacity of its airfield. If the Chicago region is to remain a vibrant transportation hub, it also needs to address rail and roadway congestion. While full funding for the CREATE program remains in doubt, it is heartening that a private entity is willing to undertake a significant investment to begin to provide a solution to the region's rail problems.

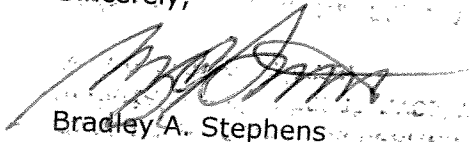
CN's acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern line will keep freight moving efficiently and more swiftly through the region, which is crucial for jobs and economic development.

More efficient rail transportation will also lessen the need to add trucks to our already burdened roadways, and is likely to have a positive impact on air quality.

This is not a small consideration, as our region is currently not in compliance with air quality standards.

While it is true that some communities will see an increase in train traffic, I believe that this transaction is in the best interests of the people and businesses of this region overall.

Sincerely,


Bradley A. Stephens
Mayor

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