

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

Re: Docket Number 35087

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

I write you today to voice my support for Canadian National Railroad's proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company. As a resident of the Village of Forest Park, I believe this acquisition will help position our region for future economic growth, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents across the Chicago metropolitan area.

Chicago's status as a hub for rail transportation is critical to growth and competition in many communities across the region. As a resident of the Village of Forest Park, I am concerned that the inefficiencies currently facing the rail system in Chicago will put the economic well-being of our community at risk.

CN's plan to streamline rail traffic flow around Chicago, however, will offer my community and others the dynamic opportunity to attract new business and boost job growth, while bringing much-needed environmental and public safety benefits. Removing the constant gridlock on train tracks will provide an effective solution to freight and commuter rail delays, ultimately reducing the emission of fumes from idling trains and resulting in less traffic on our roadways.

Missing this opportunity to improve the business climate and quality of life in the Village of Forest Park and across the Chicago region would be a terrible mistake. I urge you to please support Canadian National Railroad's acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Signature

Printed Name

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