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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 you today on behalf of the The South Shore Chamber, Inc,
in support of Canadian National Railroad's proposed acquisition of the
Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company.

As you know, the Chicago metropolitan area is a transportation hub for many goods and services passing through or arriving in the Midwest. For years, rail traffic has been on the rise and I believe that if we can collaborate and proceed thoughtfully in an effort to reduce freight congestion, we can preserve and improve Illinois' status as a transportation hub.

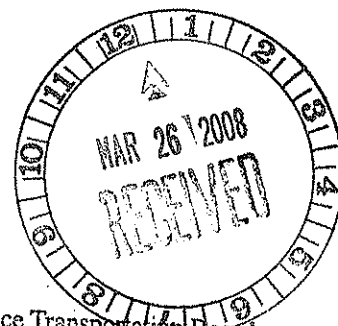
Our ability to demonstrate our innovative and forward-thinking leadership skills with respect to this opportunity will position us well for the future.

With your help, CN's acquisition of E J & E can be a big part of a very important solution. This acquisition will streamline rail operations and lead to improved economic and public safety benefits in the Chicago region.

I believe this acquisition is in the best interests of the businesses and residents of South Shore community as well as the entire region.

Respectfully,

Corren Evans
Executive Director



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