

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 30, 2008

Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

**RE: Environmental Filing: Finance Docket No. 35087, Canadian National Railway
Company and Grand Trunk Corporation – Control – EJ&E West Company**

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

We would like to submit the following to be considered by the Section on Environmental Analysis and the Surface Transportation Board as you further review Canadian National Railroad's proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railroad.

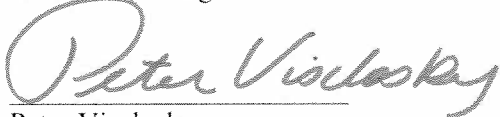
Enclosed, please find the transcript from a field hearing we conducted in Chicago on August 5, 2008. In addition, please find the text and relevant documents related to H.R. 6707, *The Taking Responsible Action for Community Safety Act*, which was considered by the House of Representatives and received majority support on September 27, 2008 (Roll Call 663: 243-175), to clarify the STB's authority to deny or significantly mitigate a proposed transaction including one Class I Railroad.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of this information.

Sincerely,



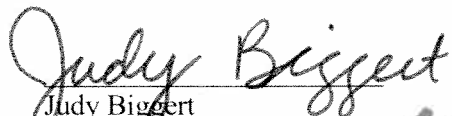
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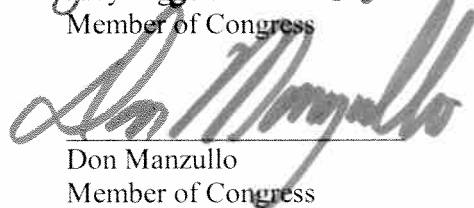
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Enclosure: (1) Testimony from August 5, 2008, Hearing in Chicago, IL
(2) Text of H.R. 6707, Chairman Oberstar's Statement in Support of H.R. 6707, and copy of September 27, 2008, Roll Call.