



March 18, 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 write today in support of Canadian National Railroad's proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company. This acquisition will play an important role in strengthening our business community at a critical time, and on behalf of the Franklin Park/Schiller Park Chamber of Commerce I urge you to please consider our support of this proposal.

Railway congestion in the Chicago area has been such a daunting challenge for so long that many people assume it will *always* be a challenge; that gridlock is inevitable; that goods and services are destined to move slowly through the region.

I think we can do better. Canadian National Railroad has a plan to restructure rail traffic flow for the better and revitalize our region's business opportunities. Their plan deserves very real consideration moving forward, as the streamlining of rail operations will bring economic, environmental and public-safety benefits to the entire region.

Specifically, in the areas of reducing train traffic, improving rail safety, serving our industrial and commercial base and maintaining a vigorous and profitable railroad system which directly impacts jobs and quality of life in Franklin Park, Schiller Park and surrounding communities.

I urge you to please support Canadian National Railroad's acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company. Thank you for your consideration.

Kenneth Kollar
President
Franklin Park/Schiller Park Chamber of Commerce

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