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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

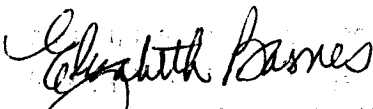
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

CN Railway's attempt to buy part of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway is a development that will bring lasting benefits to South Holland. You should strongly consider approving this move, as the hassles and inconveniences associated with the current status quo are becoming unbearable.

CN plans to re-route a majority of freight trains to the EJ&E line, a change that would provide us with significant and noticeable relief. As things stand now, freight train congestion is very problematic. For example, I habitually have to wait for up to 30 minutes at a railroad crossing on my way home from work as trains idle indefinitely, spewing untold amounts of toxins into the atmosphere in the process. Moreover, I am awakened from time to time by the whistling of trains late at night.

The bottom line of all of this is that we need to have fewer trains traveling through here. If CN's plan is approved, between 18 and 19 fewer freight trains per day will use South Holland as a point along their route. I hope you will do what you can to make sure that this change gets put into place as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth Barnes