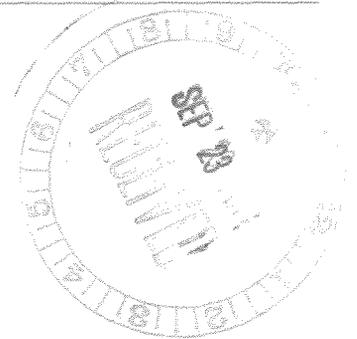




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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087, Canadian National Railroad  
and Grand Trunk Corporation – Control: EJ&E West Company

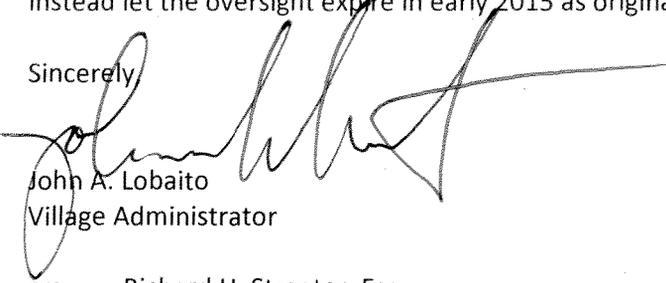
Dear Ms. Brown:

I urge you to not act on recent efforts by outside parties to pressure the Surface Transportation Board into extending oversight of Canadian National (CN) and their acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad, I would like to offer my perspective, as the Village Administrator of one of the communities where the EJ&E bisects the Mundelein community. Another CN property, the Wisconsin Central, Ltd. line, also crosses through Mundelein, so we are somewhat unique in that manner.

Since CN first came to the Village in an effort to discuss what was at the time their vision to pursue the acquisition of the EJ&E, it was obvious that representatives from the railroad were serious in what they were saying, and eventually, we saw that same focus on their follow-through after the Surface Transportation Board approved the transaction. As CN started work to implement the various items we mutually agreed to in our voluntary agreement with them, we never got the impression that they were looking to cut corners or back away from their obligations. Our relationship with CN is one of mutual respect and professionalism, and from my perspective, they have fully lived up to their commitments. Any efforts to extend oversight beyond the original term seems to be an effort to commit resources to a “problem” that does not exist.

I recommend that you do not vote to extend any more oversight to CN or their acquisition of the EJ&E, but instead let the oversight expire in early 2015 as originally approved.

Sincerely,



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Village Administrator

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