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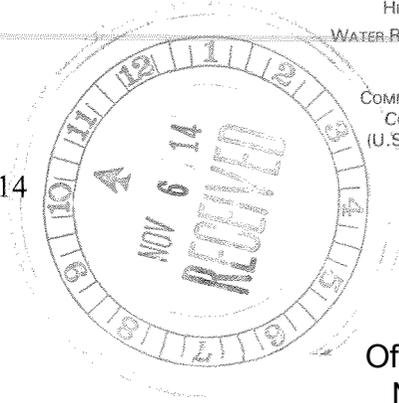
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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087, Canadian National Ry. & Grand Trunk Corp. --Control--
EJ&E West Co.

Dear Ms. Brown,

I am writing to urge the Surface Transportation Board to oppose the petition by the Village of Barrington, Illinois to extend the oversight and reporting period for Canadian National Railway's (CN) acquisition of a major portion of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway. The national benefits of this transaction are indisputable and would result in increased commerce via rail through my congressional district in Memphis, Tennessee.

I understand that the oversight period has already been in place for six years, a period during which CN has invested roughly \$200 million in private funds improving the rail, making the network safer and more efficient, and mitigating environmental impacts. I believe that the railroad has implemented the transaction smoothly and responsibly.

I see no credible reason to continue to burden CN with the costs and distractions of more oversight and reporting. The company should be allowed to focus its energies on running a safe and efficient railroad for the benefit of its customers and communities like Memphis.

As always, I remain,

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Steve Cohen'.

Steve Cohen
Member of Congress