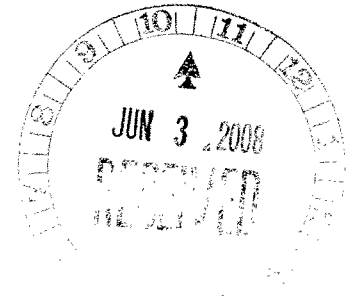


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May 19, 2008

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am 69 years old and have been living in the Chicago area all my life. Congestion is getting steadily worse and something needs to be done about it. The best solution on the table is the planned re-routing of a large portion of the current freight train traffic onto the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern rail line running along the periphery of the metropolitan area.

The purchase of the aforementioned rail line by CN Railways would take us beyond depending only on buses and cars, and would make rail commuting a far more attractive alternative by allowing traffic to move through the area quickly on the newly eased lines within the city limits. Moreover, it would serve to reduce the amount of emissions being generated in our area, a benefit for all residents. I hope that you will give this plan your approval as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Thomas Starnicky'.

Thomas Starnicky

cc: Senator Richard Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky