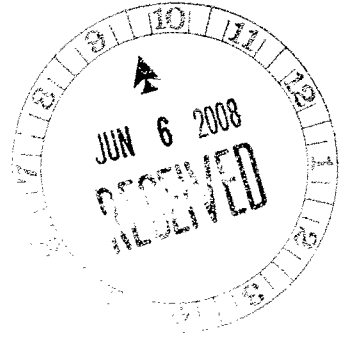


May 21, 2008



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

As you may know, CN has proposed to buy a portion of the EJ&E Railway. If this purchase is approved, CN will implement a plan to lessen the extreme degree of rail congestion that is currently experienced throughout the Chicago area. Under this plan, freight traffic will be re-routed to another line, and the more populated railways in the Chicago area will be relieved.

Currently, the rail congestion in Blue Island is so terrible that I am frequently either stopped at railroad crossings for trains to pass through, or I have to plan alternate routes around the crossings. Either way, time is added to my drive, and I am not able to take the quickest, most efficient route without being delayed by a train.

It is important that this issue be resolved. I ask for your approval of this acquisition so that the residents of these high traffic areas can experience relief when it comes to this terrible congestion. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'David Kiaurakis'.

David Kiaurakis

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Bobby L. Rush