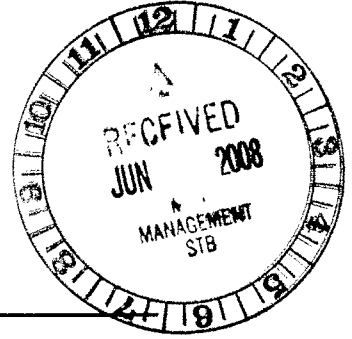


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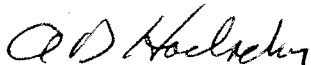
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I would like to express my support for the CN acquisition of the EJ&E railway. This would reduce rail congestion in Harvey. Fewer freight trains coming through here would greatly improve the quality of life. I spend about 30-45 minutes each week at railroad crossings, waiting for trains to get through. This is time that I would greatly appreciate getting back.

By moving freight along a more efficient route, away from the congested rails near Chicago, CN would reduce noise and traffic from the trains. Goods would also be moved more quickly through the area to their destinations.

This proposal makes sense economically, environmentally and from a quality of life standpoint. Thank you for hearing my thoughts on this issue.

Sincerely,


A. B. Hoelscher

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.