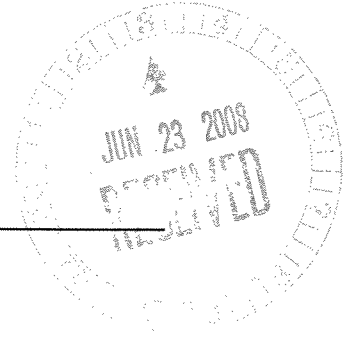


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am writing to encourage you to approve the acquisition of part of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern (EJ&E) railroad line by CN. The congestion that occurs in La Grange Park will decrease significantly if this acquisition is approved by the STB.

Presently I work from home, but I do travel quite a bit and know firsthand how long the wait can be when encountering idle or slow trains on the roads. Moreover, the trains are very noisy, and with so many coming through La Grange Park, their level of sound often creates a nuisance.

It would be nice to see fewer trains in my area because the traffic will flow more freely and the noise will reduce. Furthermore, it would be preferable if trains were able to run on a route that has less traffic, so that they can get to their destinations in a timely fashion. As of right now, it can take a train 24 hours to maneuver through Chicago. Re-routing the trains to a less congested line would allow for efficient delivery of goods and products. CN is planning to redirect many freight trains to just such an area if this proposed acquisition goes through.

The proposal that CN has devised would greatly benefit the people of La Grange Park. Please do your part to ensure that our transportation system is running as efficiently as possible to ensure a better quality of life for Chicago-area residents.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Hardman

cc: Senator Richard Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Daniel Lipinski