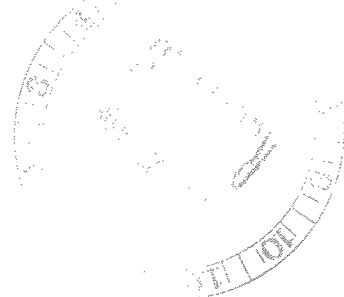


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June 9, 2008

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



RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I know all too well the inconvenience that idle freight trains can cause; because of this, I would like to voice my unwavering support for the acquisition between CN and the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern railway line. CN is looking to purchase a major part of the EJ&E line and redirect many of their freight trains to usable tracks which are located in the more rural areas surrounding Chicago. This ingenuity will help ease traffic congestion and will improve freight travel holistically.

My daughter and I usually travel together as I don't drive much. To put it lightly, there are freight trains all around us. Areas such as Dolton, Harvey, and even towards South Suburban College are overwhelmed with slow-moving freight trains. I have lived here for quite some time and the trains are just a nuisance.

For example, I used to have a friend that lived in Blue Island and every morning, I would pick her up for work. If we didn't time our route just right, we would find ourselves stuck behind a train which would inevitably cause us to be late for work. In addition, just recently, my daughter went to pick up her daughter from school and a freight train kept her stopped in her car for about an hour. She would have turned around and attempted an alternate route, but in this area, it is too dangerous to try to make u-turns while waiting for the train to move.

I strongly encourage you to support CN's acquisition of these sections of the EJ&E line. Please help protect our transportation system by approving this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vera Ramey".

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