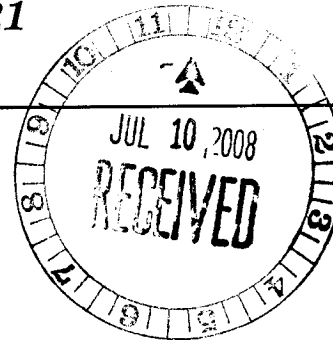


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Having been a resident of the Chicago area for 18 years, I have seen how the current traffic patterns of trains have caused congestion. I have also seen how this congestion has caused an increase in emissions from trains and cars, increasing pollution in the area in the process. I believe that it is of the utmost importance to bring this problem to your attention.

Coupled with the emissions from the trains, railroad congestion also causes the cars that are sitting and waiting in traffic to release excessive amounts of emissions and pollution into the air as well. Unless something is done to rectify this, there will be no relief in sight for residents.

I am in support of the plan that CN is proposing because it offers the best solution to the problem. If CN is able to purchase the EJ&E line, the pollution from trains will be reduced as many of them will be moved to more lightly populated, less congested areas. It will also decrease the pollution that comes from the cars that sit in traffic while waiting for trains to move. I believe that your board should allow this acquisition to move ahead because of the environmental benefits. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,


Joan Malatesta

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky