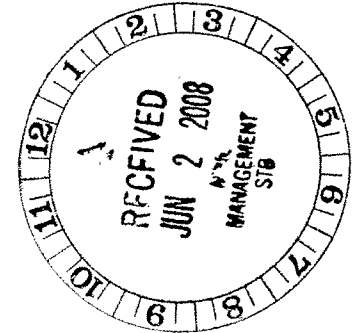


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May 21, 2008

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

As a resident of the Chicago region, I would like to express my view on CN's proposed acquisition of a portion of EJ&E Railway. CN's goal is to re-route freight traffic to a line that runs at a distance from the city. This will greatly reduce the train congestion in Chicago and nearby suburbs. I fully support this cause.

Rail congestion is a big issue in the Chicago area. Rail congestion leads to automobile congestion, as cars are often stopped at blocked train crossings. Being delayed at crossings is a regular occurrence. Personally, I am often held up on Sunday mornings on my way to church. Experiencing these types of delays is very frustrating.

Additionally, CN's plan to re-route freight traffic will also reduce the pollution from idling trains and cars. Although this effect is harder to measure, it will undoubtedly improve the quality of life for area residents.

As you can see, there are a number of benefits to this acquisition. Please approve this acquisition. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Vera Wilcox

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

cc: Senator Dick Durbin

Senator Barack Obama

Congressman Danny K. Davis