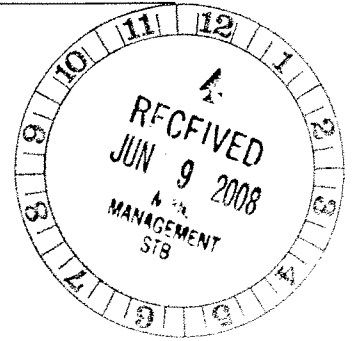


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May 19, 2008

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

In South Holland, it is not out of the ordinary to wait long periods of time for idle trains to move. Fortunately, CN's proposal to take over a portion of the EJ&E line will help curtail these long wait periods by redirecting many of the trains' to the outskirts of Chicago.

The freight trains in South Holland frequently block intersections to such a degree that on one occasion, I had to wait in my car for an hour because of a stopped train. In addition, since I know that there is a strong possibility that I will encounter rail congestion, I always leave for my destination at least 10-15 minutes early. In short, I basically plan my travels with inevitable rail traffic always being a consideration.

I strongly encourage you to support and give your consent to this acquisition. Please help to ensure that the residents of South Holland are able to travel to and from their destinations without the hassle of unnecessary rail traffic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Kaufmann".

Robert Kaufmann

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