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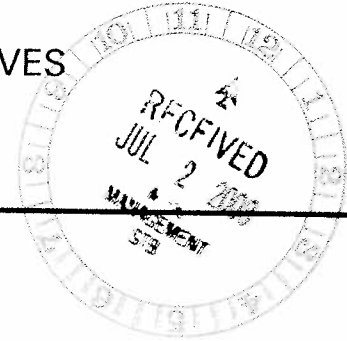


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Randy Ramey

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June 30, 2008

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

I am writing to inform you of my strict opposition to the proposal by the Canadian National Railroad to purchase the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern rail line.

I understand the purpose and necessity to efficiently utilize our freight railways to move goods and products throughout our state. I am, however, concerned with several aspects of this possible acquisition as it affects the following communities I represent: Wayne, West Chicago, Bartlett, South Elgin, St. Charles, and Hanover Park.

Many of these towns stand to be largely affected by this proposal. Currently, approximately four trains pass through the Village of Wayne on these tracks. This proposal would increase the number of trains to about 24—many of which would be carrying hazardous materials as they tie up roadways for motorists, emergency vehicles, and school bus routes carrying children to school.

I have spoken at length with local officials that stand to be affected by this proposition and I am appealing to you as officials of the Surface Transportation Board to weigh this decision carefully as many residents have shared my concerns about this proposal.

I have received many comments from residents and I will continue to listen to all feedback on this acquisition—whether positive or negative. Please don't hesitate to contact my office if I can be of any service. Feel free to call me at (630) 876-0703 or email me at staterepramey55@aol.com.

Sincerely,

Randy Ramey

State Representative
Randy Ramey
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Cc: Eileen Phipps, Village of Wayne President