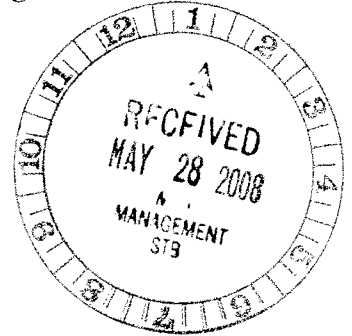


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Dear Secretary Quinlan:

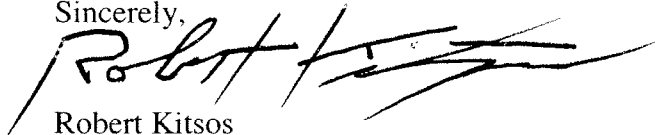
As a Chicago resident, I was pleased to learn of the pending acquisition of EJ&E Railways by CN. As our region faces challenges in the years ahead, it is vital that our infrastructure and the quality of our atmosphere keep pace. CN's purchase represents a step in this direction.

One major problem that we are currently experiencing and may only get worse if we do not address it, is the pollution that Chicago residents and workers have to contend with. CN's contribution would be helpful in this regard as they plan to re-route traffic in a way that would greatly accelerate the movement of freight traffic around heavily populated areas. This would reduce the amount of idling time for freight trains that currently allows for a good deal of contaminants to be emitted. The benefits of cleaner air would be felt and appreciated throughout the city.

Additionally, Chicago's economic standing greatly depends on our maintaining our position as a major transportation hub. The current reality, where it can take 24 hours for a freight train to travel 30 miles through the city, needs to be corrected. Eventually, if this situation continues unaltered, freight companies will look elsewhere for routes. As CN is in a position to fix this problem, I welcome their help.

Thank you very much for your attention to this issue. I am aware that you encounter a number of competing claims. Given the upside of this merger, however, I strongly encourage you to approve CN's purchase of EJ&E.

Sincerely,



Robert Kitsos

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky