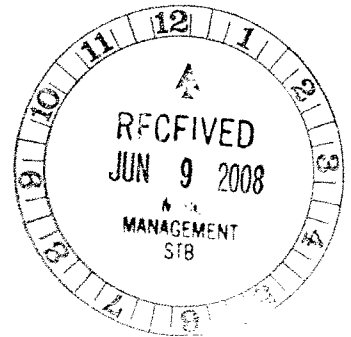


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May 23, 2008

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



Dear Secretary Quinlan:

CN has proposed to buy a part of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern line and redirect some routes to the outskirts of Chicago. This will ultimately facilitate more cost-effective traveling for freight trains and less agony for drivers.

As it stands now, the trains in Bellwood will almost always stop you when traveling by car to a destination. I know this from personal experience, as I come across idle freight trains all the time. In fact, many times I have to go six blocks out of my way in order to avoid the trains that block crossings.

In addition, the times that the trains come at are inconvenient. There is one train that comes through the area at around 3:10PM. This is a time when many people are getting off work, and it is an inconvenience for those who are trying to get home or pick up their kids.

It is imperative that you approve CN's proposal to purchase a portion of the EJ&E line. I ask that you do your part to ensure that freight train congestion in Bellwood is eradicated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Danny K. Davis

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