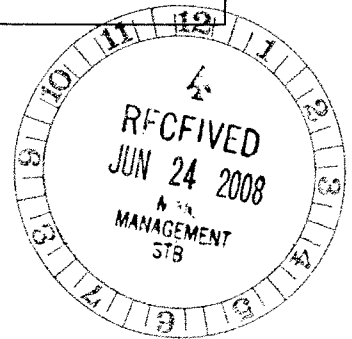


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

As a resident of Harvey, I would like to take some time to voice my support for CN's plan to reduce railway congestion throughout the Chicago area. Their plan consists of purchasing a major portion of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway, which encircles the region, and re-routing much of their freight traffic to this newly available rail line.

Although I do not always have to drive through areas with railroad crossings, when I do, I can sometimes expect to wait twenty minutes for a train to pass. During these times, the trains will simply sit and idlé, or move backwards. An alternate route is not easily found, as either the route is too indirect or I end up having another encounter with a train at a different crossing. When I get stopped, it obviously adds time to my commute.

If CN is able to acquire the EJ&E Railway and redirect freight traffic to this existing line, many of the problems associated with railway congestion will be relieved. Studies have shown, for example, that unless the train congestion is solved, Chicago could lose \$2 billion in production and 17,000 jobs over the next twenty years. For these reasons, I urge you to seriously consider CN's approach to relieving the congestion, and then approve this purchase. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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