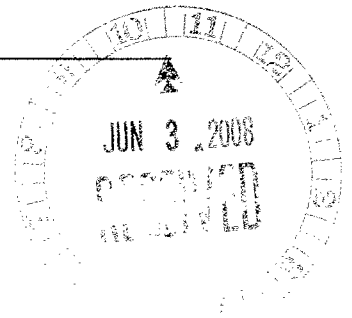


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May 20, 2008

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



Dear Secretary Quinlan:

As a resident of the Chicago area, I experience railway congestion on a daily basis and support the CN acquisition of EJ&E Railway. The merger will help alleviate the train congestion throughout the region, reducing air pollution.

For residents of La Grange Park, idle trains are almost a way of life. I personally encounter idle trains all day in my travels throughout the community. I live a block away from the railway crossing on 31st Street and am regularly stopped as those trains often block street traffic. It happens all day long and is a big problem for this area. I would like to see this acquisition get quickly approved as it will not only help cut down pollution, but it will also loosen the flow of traffic.

Times have changed. This area is seeing a significant increase in residents, businesses, and traffic on both roads and rail-lines. Congestion will only get worse if nothing is done. Please approve this acquisition to help to ensure that our infrastructure keeps up with the growth of this area.

Regards,

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