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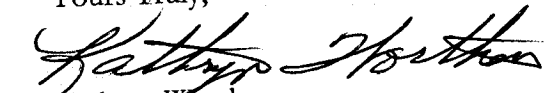
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

The large number of freight trains traveling through South Holland is an issue that directly affects me. I live in close proximity to the railroads; they border the eastern side of my condominium complex. I am writing to you in support of CN Railway's effort to buy a part of EJ&E Railway and then divert a majority of freight traffic to the EJ&E line. I have a lot of enthusiasm for CN's proposal as it would increase the quality of life for residents of South Holland.

Having so many freight trains currently travel through South Holland creates an endless amount of irritation for me and my neighbors. First of all, there is the issue of noise. When horns are blowing early in the morning or late at night my windows resound from the vibrations. The noise is a large inconvenience. Second, the fumes from idling trains are so thick that occasionally residents believe there is a gas leak. The smell is horrendous and the amount of pollution, unnecessary. Moreover, it is very upsetting to be constantly immobilized by trains when driving. Trains cause me to be in traffic jams, on average, three times a week.

As you can see, there are many ways train congestion negatively impacts the lives of South Holland residents. If you approve CN's plan, freight rail traffic will be more broadened throughout the Chicago region, providing those of us of whom live in more populated areas with a little bit of relief. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours Truly,


Kathryn Worthen