

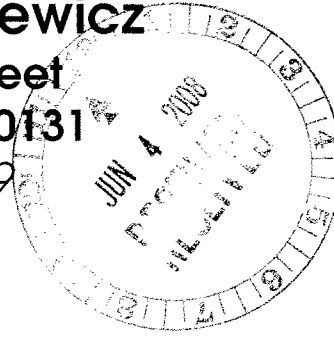
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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Secretary Quinlan:

As a resident of Franklin Park, I have noticed the increased rail traffic over the last few years. Recently, CN has offered to purchase the EJ&E line to redirect freight traffic to the less congested line which will help alleviate the stress currently on our transportation system.

Due to the terrible rail congestion, it can take around 24 hours for a freight train to make it through the city of Chicago. Obviously, much of this time is spend idling for hours on end.

If the problem with the congestion is not solved, Chicago could lose \$2 billion in production and 17,000 jobs over the next twenty years, according to recent studies. This would be a great blow to our local economy. Also, so much idling time means that the amount of pollutants put into the air by freight trains is a lot higher than it could be. By redirecting freight traffic to the EJ&E line, trains will be able to make it through our area with significantly fewer delays, efficiently delivering goods, and reducing the number of toxins emitted.

In order to ensure that Chicago remains the "transportation hub" of North America, we must tackle this issue of extreme rail congestion. I ask that you protect our economy as well as our environment by supporting CN's partial acquisition of EJ&E Railway.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature of Bruce Wieczorkiewicz in cursive script.

Bruce Wieczorkiewicz

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Rahm Emanuel