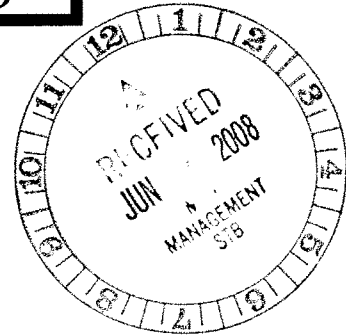


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May 19, 2008

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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Dear Secretary Quinlan:

South Holland's rail congestion is an issue that needs to be addressed as soon as possible. The rail congestion that we experience causes an unnecessary loss of time, with trains taking up to 24 hours to travel through the Chicago region. Fortunately, CN has devised a plan to cease rail traffic by acquiring part of EJ&E Railway and redirecting some freight trains to rural areas outside Chicago.

As one who has experienced the inconvenience of rail congestion, I feel that it is my duty to express my support for this proposal. About 8 weeks ago, I left a little late for church, and as I was traveling, I came to a train gate that was down. From this point, I could see that the train stopped about 300 yards from the gate and did not move. This was somewhat frustrating, so I decided to navigate around the gate and I got stopped by the police. In this case, I knew that what I did was wrong, but circumstances left me little choice. Situations like this one could easily become more dangerous if people constantly have to wait for idle trains. Many people do not like to sit and wait for trains and could possibly try to devise ways of getting around waiting, some of which could end up hurting someone.

I implore you to approve CN's proposal to reduce rail traffic in South Holland by purchasing part of EJ&E. Please continue to work on behalf of the people and allow this issue to be addressed before it gets worse.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eugene Witvoet".

Eugene Witvoet

cc: Senator Richard Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Jesse L. Jackson Jr.