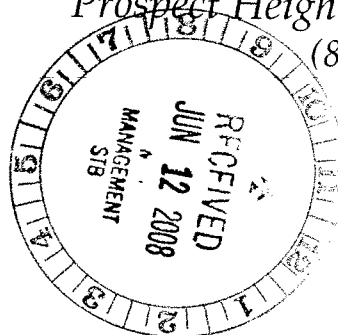


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Subject: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I would like you to join me in support of CN's plan to purchase a portion of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern line. This will move the bulk of freight rail traffic to the south and west.

As former residents of Des Plaines, my husband and I had to endure our share of noise and traffic problems caused by the constant passage of so many long, slow freight trains through our community. After a while, it became too much of a problem and we moved. This did not solve the problem for us as now, even though we are living several miles from the nearest track, we are still bothered by noise from the trains.

Although I can see the benefits that come from moving products on trains instead of via trucks, the fact is that Chicago and the areas around the city have changed dramatically since the rail lines were first built. Now, heading into the 21st century, the residents of Des Plaines, Prospect Heights and other communities need a contemporary transportation plan, not one from the 19th century.

I hope that you will appreciate both how difficult it is to put up with the constant noise, and how many people here and elsewhere are bothered by the delays in traffic. Most of all, I hope that you will give your support to moving the trains. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Kay Fischer
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cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Mark Steven Kirk