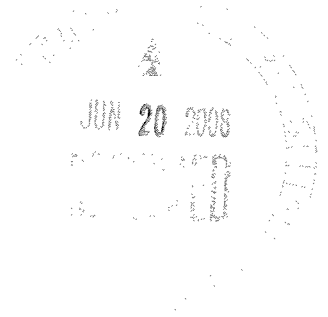


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May 22, 2008

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I have lived in Alsip for about 31 years, and I regularly sit in traffic due to the rail congestion here. With today's gas prices, it's unacceptable for people to have to sit in traffic for up to 15 minutes waiting for trains to pass through crossings. To give you an idea of how prevalent this problem is in the region, I have been stopped by four trains on one trip before. Clearly, drivers would save a lot of time and gasoline if there were fewer trains on the congested rails.

The CN proposal to acquire a portion of the less congested EJ&E rail to the south and west of the area would allow CN to re-route a substantial number of its freight trains away from Alsip and its immediate surroundings. Goods would get to where they need to be more efficiently, while the residents in this area would get relief from much of the rail traffic that has lead to backups and other concerns.

Please support CN's proposal, which is needed now in this community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Olson".

Robert Olson

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Bobby L. Rush