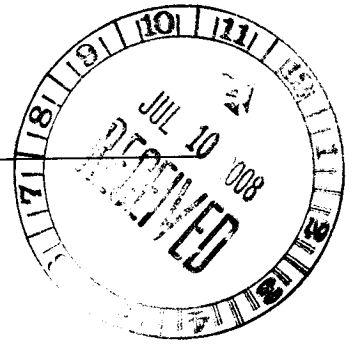


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.  
Acting Secretary  
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395 E Street, SW  
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RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

June 18, 2008

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Rail congestion in the Chicago area is a problem that needs to be resolved. For this reason, I am writing to express my support for CN Railway's proposed acquisition of a portion of the EJ&E line. With this acquisition, CN will be able to reroute many of their freight trains to an underused rail line that runs through the outskirts of the Chicago area.

The traffic caused by railway congestion is a burden I am forced to deal with daily. I am often caught in traffic; there are always major delays at 98th Street and at 106th Street near Central Avenue. I am often delayed at the crossings for 20 minutes at a time.

CN's plan to reduce rail congestion will help to improve traffic flow in our community and will help move freight more efficiently. This is a huge step in the right direction to improving our transportation system. I urge you to give your support to this acquisition.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Slapa'.

Joseph Slapa

cc: Senator Dick Durbin  
Senator Barack Obama