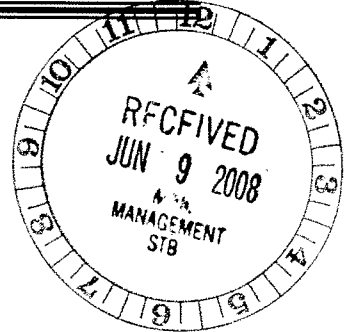


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
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Dear Secretary Quinlan:

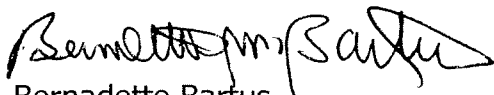
I strongly support CN's proposal to acquire a portion of the EJ&E rail, and re-route many of its freight trains out of this area and onto less congested tracks. The current level of auto traffic induced by the train congestion in Des Plaines is horrendous, making CN's offered solution welcome and necessary.

It is not unusual to wait at least 15 minutes at a railroad crossing. I drive through Oakton Street on the way to work in the morning, and return home via Algonquin Road. These two locations often have traffic backups from the many trains that come through and stand in the way of crossings. If CN's plan is approved, though, these two stops would both see 17 fewer trains per day pass by.

Less congested rails tracks would enable the remaining cargo trains and passenger trains to move through the area with less stop-and-go, creating reductions in noise and air pollution.

As you can see, this deal has many points in its favor. Please approve it as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Bernadette Bartus

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Peter Roskam