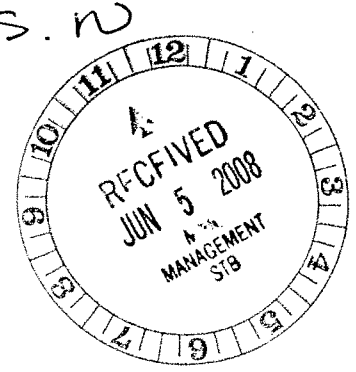




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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
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395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am a Chicago resident reaching out to you regarding CN's proposed acquisition of part of the EJ&E line. The Chicago region has a serious issue with train congestion and CN is poised to address this issue. CN's goal to re-route abundant freight traffic around the city on the EJ&E will alleviate congestion in heavier-populated areas. I strongly urge you to back their efforts.

I have been a resident of Chicago since 1953 and a truck driver for the past 11 years. I, personally, know congestion is an issue that negatively impacts all residents of the Chicago region as well as Chicago's air quality. The train congestion and subsequent car congestion raises safety and health concerns. Poor air quality causes many health issues and the potentially long-lasting effects of pollutants emitted from idling trains and cars are very worrying to me.

For the good of the Chicago region, I support CN's proposed move to buy part of the outlying railways currently owned by EJ&E. By easing the freight traffic in and out of the city, overall congestion will be reduced. I fully support this plan and I encourage you to please approve the acquisition.

Yours Truly,

Robert Collins

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Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Danny K. Davis

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