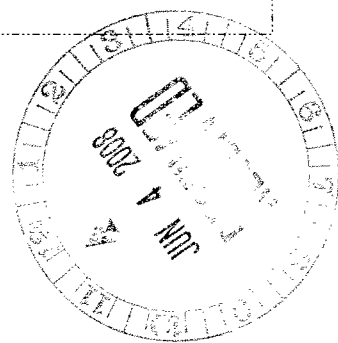


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
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Dear Secretary Quinlan:

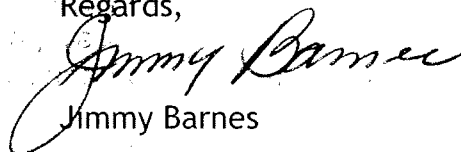
I'm writing in support of the proposed acquisition by CN railway of a portion of the EJ&E rail line. If this acquisition goes through, the La Grange area would see a significant reduction in the number of freight trains coming through.

The current situation affects me personally since I can hear the trains from my home. This is troubling to me because they whistle late at night, as well as during the day. The freight trains also cause traffic congestion in La Grange. The high number of trains coming through results in trains stopping, at times for half an hour.

By acquiring a portion of the EJ&E rail west of this area, CN will be able to run many of its freight trains on less congested rails. This will reduce the noise and traffic impact on communities like Hodgkins and La Grange that have dealt with these conditions for many years.

For these reasons, I ask that you support this change and approve the acquisition. Thank you.

Regards,


Jimmy Barnes

cc: Senator Richard Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Daniel Lipinski