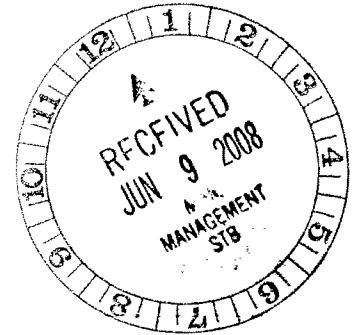


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May 27, 2008

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



RE: *CN Railway Company/EJ&E*
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am writing to ask for your help in relocating freight rail traffic out of our community. As you may already know, CN is seeking to purchase a portion of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern rail line. This would move a majority of freight rail traffic to a route on the periphery of the metropolitan area. As long-time residents of Des Plaines, my husband and I would certainly welcome this change, as would other dwellers of this community.

My husband and I moved here in 1953. We have watched our community grow and change over the years. Over time, the trains passing through have become a significant nuisance. I am stuck every day waiting for freight trains to pass, and sometimes I am stuck waiting twice.

The needs of the residents of our community and others deserve to be considered. Our time is just as valuable as anyone else's, and I would truly appreciate the chance to come and go in my car without having to consult the train schedule.

Sincerely,

Alva Cronwell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alva Cronwell".

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky