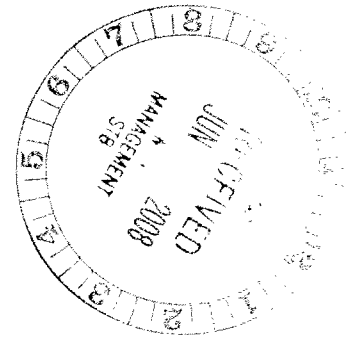


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

May 21, 2008

Dear Secretary Quinlan:



The proposal by CN to acquire a segment of EJ&E Railway will greatly reduce Chicago's rail congestion. If approved by your agency, this move will bring significant economic and environmental benefits to the area.

Here in La Grange, freight trains are constantly running through our community. Luckily, I live and work on the same side of the tracks, so I do not have to deal regularly with the frustration of waiting for trains to pass. I still see, though, how frequently the trains come through, and how big an issue this is for all area residents. In addition, with the extreme congestion that exists, freight trains spend most of their time in the Chicago area idling, putting a heap of pollutants into our air in the process.

If CN is able to purchase the EJ&E Railway, much of this freight traffic will be redirected to a rail-line farther away from the city center. This will lead to positive results for communities closer to Chicago, such as La Grange. A significant decrease in the number of freight trains that come through on a daily basis, means easier traffic flow and fewer pollutants emitted into our atmosphere.

CN's acquisition of part of this railway is vital to many residents of the Chicago area. For this reason, I ask for your approval of the transaction. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond Schneider".

Raymond Schneider

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Senator Barack Obama
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