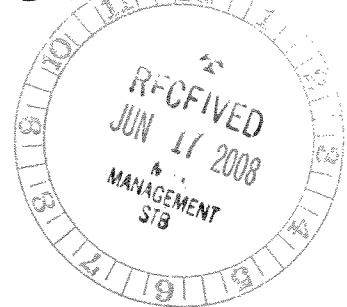


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May 29, 2008

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



Subject: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

There is a proposal pending that would re-route a large portion of Chicago's freight traffic to a rail line on the western fringes of the area, thereby reducing freight traffic and congestion in more densely populated areas. The plan entails CN Railway purchasing a segment of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern line. I strongly suggest that you do whatever is necessary to provide CN with the green light for this undertaking.

I live in La Grange and if the project is put into practice, it would reduce the number of trains in my neighborhood from 10 a day to about 1 a day. My house is located about 100 yards from the train tracks. Trains wake me up at night, and my wife and I frequently have to turn up the volume while watching TV. Sometimes, I have even noticed the house vibrating as a result of passing trains. Add to this equation the traffic jams caused by train traffic, and you have a reasonable concept of what my fellow residents and I are dealing with on a daily basis.

Please take action and ensure that the projected alternate rail line becomes a reality. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Drake".

Michael Drake

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Daniel Lipinski