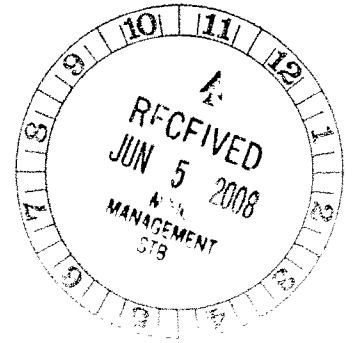


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
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Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I strongly support the proposed acquisition by CN Railway of part of EJ&E Railway. This would enable many of the freight trains operated by CN to avoid the congested tracks in Blue Island and operate on more lightly used tracks elsewhere.

Moving goods along less congested rail would be more efficient and reduce pollution from idling trains. Living near the tracks, I have seen the rail congestion, and I know that many trains idle for hours, causing health problems that we are probably not even aware of.

The trailer park in which I live consists of mostly retired and elderly individuals like myself. Rail congestion poses a serious problem because if there were an emergency in the park, emergency services need to be able to get through without the risk that a train is stopped and blocking the park's entrance.

I am not against trains, but the current arrangement produces far too much congestion and pollution. I therefore strongly urge you to approve the proposal by CN that would reduce the number of freight trains on the rails in Blue Island.

Sincerely,

George Newman

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Bobby L. Rush