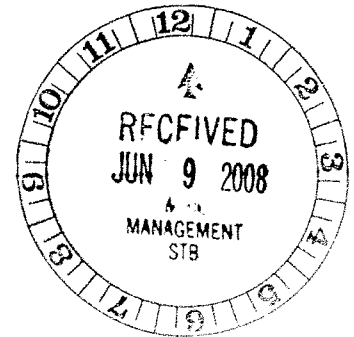


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May 23, 2008

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



Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Train congestion in this area is a big problem. Freight trains are constantly stopping commuters in their tracks, which can be very frustrating. Fortunately, CN has a plan to curtail train congestion and inevitably help solve a major portion of Bellwood's traffic woes. CN's strategy is to purchase a segment of the Elgin, Joliet, & Eastern line and re-route freight traffic out of Chicago. This will inevitably free up traffic and allow for more efficient freight train travel.

As someone who commutes often, I always find myself waiting for the train to pass. Sometimes, the train sits there for a while and doesn't move at all. While I understand that shipping items by train is necessary, it is a major inconvenience for the residents of Bellwood. If the trains are re-directed, they will be able to travel more efficiently and reach their destinations in a timely fashion.

Chicago and its surrounding cities are growing exponentially, and it is important that we have a transportation system in place that will be able to handle this growth. I recommend that you support and approve CN's proposal, and by doing so, you will help to ensure that traffic in Bellwood becomes consistent and reliable.

Sincerely,

Vearn Sutton

cc: Senator Richard Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Danny K. Davis

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vearn Sutton".