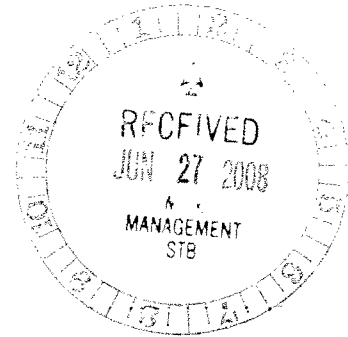


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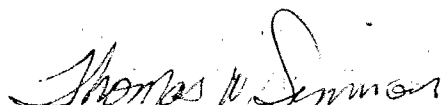
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

CN's proposal to purchase a portion of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern railway line will allow commuters to see significant traffic improvements. If approved, many of the freight trains will be redirected to underused railways in more rural areas outside of Chicago. My support for this plan is steadfast as it is time to see vast improvements in the organization of our transportation system.

Oftentimes, during my daily commutes, I get stopped by idle trains. It is extremely irritating and frustrating as I need to be able to get to my destinations in a timely manner. In addition, while trains are idling, they continue to emit dangerous toxins into the air. If approved, freight trains will be able to travel direct routes without a lot of stop and go traffic, which will inadvertently allow for faster and more cost-effective freight transportation.

Now is the time to make necessary changes to our transportation system. If the rail congestion is not addressed, it will only get worse. Please approve and support CN's plan to decrease the amount of freight trains and improve traffic in Harvey.

Sincerely,


Thomas Simmons