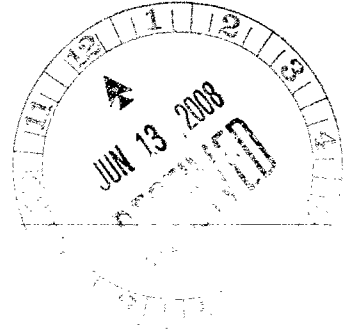


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May 30, 2008

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

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

Secretary Quinlan:

I support reducing rail congestion in Chicago, and CN's proposed acquisition of a portion of the EJ&E railway will do just that. If this acquisition is approved, CN will be able to re-route many freight trains onto less congested tracks.

This solution will create a situation far preferable to what exists currently. Now, freight trains have to traverse Chicago proper, a journey that can take up to 24 hours because of congestion. By using less crowded rails, goods can be moved more efficiently through the Chicago region.

Reducing the rail congestion in Chicago is important from a noise and traffic standpoint. Although I do not live near train tracks, those who do deserve to live in an environment with reasonable sound and traffic levels. Additionally, less crowded rails would help reduce the idling of trains that cause a high level of air pollution.

Please approve the proposed change, something which I consider to be an important part of the city's future. Thank you.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roberta Matz".

Roberta Matz

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky