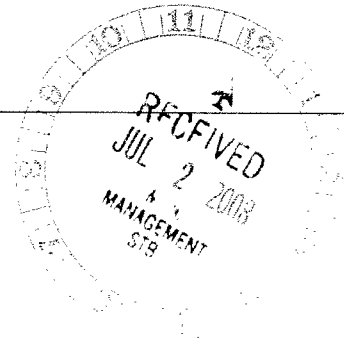


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May 19, 2008

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am writing to you as a Chicago resident in support of CN's proposed acquisition of EJ&E. CN is attempting to address our rail congestion issues by redirecting train traffic. Without this acquisition, trains will continue to have to wait all day just to travel through the city.

The amount of pollution emitted by the idling trains in the city is high. It should be noted, however, that moving freight by rail is far more efficient than moving the same freight by trucks, as 18 wheelers burn nearly four times as much fuel as trains do. The re-routing of train traffic farther from the city center will allow more trains to operate efficiently, decreasing the amount of congestion and pollution in the Chicago region.

Chicago residents will get the congestion relief with the acquisition of the proposed tracks. We will all breathe a little bit easier. Please support CN's acquisition.

Sincerely,

Luis Arce

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luis Arce". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

cc: Senator Richard Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky