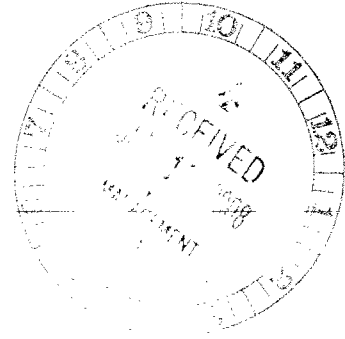


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I strongly support the proposed CN acquisition of the EJ&E Railway. The most important benefit of the acquisition, in my view, would be to alleviate a lot of the rail congestion in Harvey. If you approve of the purchase, CN freight trains will be able to utilize less congested tracks to the south of Harvey.

Rail congestion in Harvey has been a major inconvenience for residents. I have been a resident in the area since 1965 and have personally been affected by the increase in rail traffic. I regularly wait 15 minutes or more at train crossings in my community. This is a problem when trying to get to work or church services on time. In addition, the air pollution from so many idling trains has worsened my sinus problems.

Please support the reduction in freight traffic and rail congestion throughout the Chicago region, including Harvey, and approve the acquisition.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Bettye Ferrell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Bettye Ferrell'.

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Jesse L. Jackson Jr.