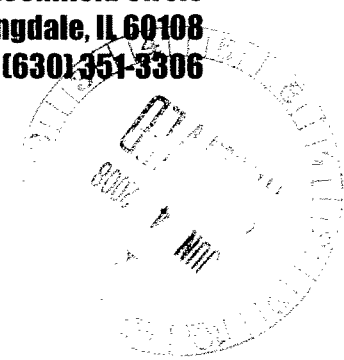


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
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395 E Street, SW
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Dear Secretary Quinlan:

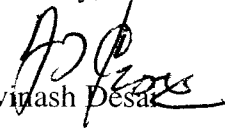
I would like to take some time to voice my support for CN's acquisition of part of EJ&E Railway. Railway congestion has become a huge problem for the Chicago area, but if CN is able to gain a new rail line, the city will see significant environmental and economic benefits.

With the current situation, railway congestion is so terrible that I often find myself waiting at a train crossing for 15 to 20 minutes at a time. This causes many traffic problems and has made it difficult to calculate how long it will take me to reach a destination. There have been many occasions when I needed to get to the airport at a certain time, but was stopped waiting for a train to slowly cross the roadway.

This is not only an issue for the Chicago area's traffic, but also for the air quality. The railway congestion is so bad that trains spend most of their time idling, which puts many pollutants into the air. If trains were able to get to their destination more quickly with fewer stops along the way, the pollutants that they put into the air would significantly decrease.

For these reasons, I urge you to approve the acquisition of part of EJ&E Railway by CN. The dramatic impact this will have on the residents of Chicago will bring great benefits to the city as well.

Sincerely,


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cc: Senator Richard Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Peter Roskam