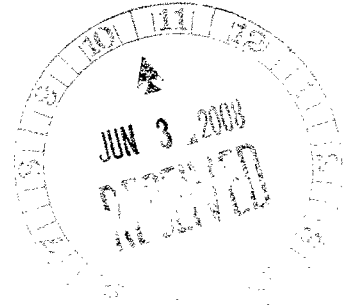


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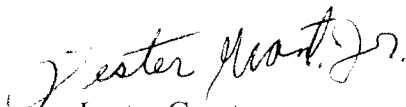
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

In recent years, the problems involving train congestion in the Chicago region have grown to unsustainable levels. CN is trying to help solve these by buying part of an existing rail line outside the city that is operated by EJ&E Railway. Its goal is to re-route freight traffic away from the city on this less congested line. I strongly support this plan.

I have been a Chicago area resident for 50 years. I have lived in Bellwood for the past 30 years. Every time I try to go north, it seems that I get stopped at a train crossing. The waits can take a while, especially at 25th street. This type of congestion is a serious problem since all of our commuters must cross this section of track which is often blocked with freight trains. This arrangement also has negative environmental effects, as the waits cause excessive pollution to be released from all of the idling cars.

CN is obviously on the right track, and I support their proposed acquisition of part of EJ&E. Please approve this transaction that will benefit the entire Chicago region. Thank you for your attention.

Regards,


Lester Grant

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Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Danny K. Davis