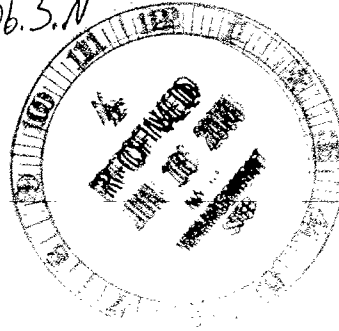


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Subject: CN Railway Company/EJ&E
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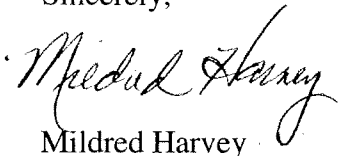
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am pleased with CN's plan to alleviate rail congestion in Chicago area because it will produce many benefits for the residents of Blue Island. Rail traffic needs to be more broadly distributed on available rail lines in order to make it easier for commuters in the Chicago area. CN's purchase of part of the EJ&E railway lines will help accomplish this.

Sometimes, the rail congestion has delayed me so much that it has doubled or even tripled the time that it normally takes me to reach my destination. With this purchase, freight trains will be able to move goods more efficiently as freight traffic will be diverted to the less congested EJ&E line. Fuel costs for both train operators and commuters will be more consistent with a trip's mileage as both rail and automobile drivers not have to factor in idling time waiting for trains to move. Trains do not completely shut down when stopped; they simply remain idle until it is time to move. This purchase will reduce the amount of fuel wasted – especially critical given the price of gas these days.

In closing, I recommend that you please research approve the CN purchase of the EJ&E. The benefits will positively impact both the community and freight transportation. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


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Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Bobby L. Rush

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