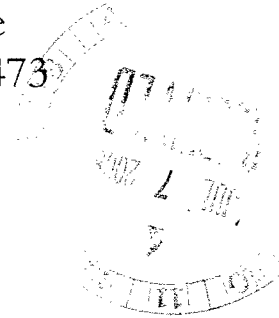


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June 26, 2008

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

Subject: CN Railway Company/EJ&E
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

The connection between economic prosperity and a sound transportation system in the Chicago area is very clear. On a more everyday level, traffic is very annoying. For both of these reasons, I support CN Railway's proposed acquisition of a portion of the EJ&E Railway in an attempt to relieve the railway congestion. If CN's effort is approved, they will then reroute many of their freight trains to this underused rail line that circumvents the Chicago area. Most important for me, however, is that South Holland will experience a significant relief from the number of freight traffic that currently runs through the area.

Chicago is known as the "transportation hub of North America" for a reason. Transporting goods by rail is very important to our economy. The situation regarding the freight congestion has gotten so bad, however, that if the status quo continues, estimates are that Chicago will lose \$2 billion in production and 17,000 jobs over the next twenty years. Obviously, something needs to be done.

By allowing trains to operate in more spatial areas, CN will be encouraging the efficiency of moving goods by freight train, assisting our economy in the process. As a driver, traffic delays will also be reduced. Currently, I am stopped at railroad crossings several times per month, and I have to wait an average of 5 to 10 minutes each time before the train leaves and I can get through. Under CN's plan, though, there would be 18 to 19 fewer freight trains per day coming through my community. For these reasons, I ask that you please approve CN's proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harriett King".

Harriett King

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama