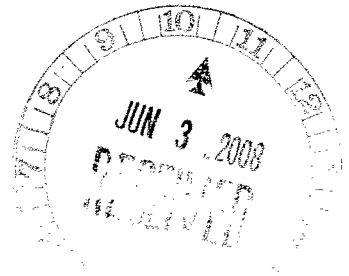


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I support CN Railway's proposed acquisition of the Chicago area segment of EJ&E rail, a move that would greatly reduce the congestion here. Many freight trains currently coming through Blue Island would be able to run on less congested tracks to the west, if this proposal is approved.

Particularly during rush hours, the rail congestion, which sometimes causes trains to sit idle, makes for difficult commutes. On more than one occasion, for example, I have seen trains stop in the road for a long period of time. Just when the traffic begins to move, another train appears from the other direction and causes the wait to double, an exasperating event for motorists. Reducing rail congestion is literally a matter of life or death at times because emergency vehicles cannot get through.

Please approve the proposed CN acquisition. Reducing rail congestion is critical to the lives of Blue Island residents.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Paulauski".

John Paulauski

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Bobby L. Rush