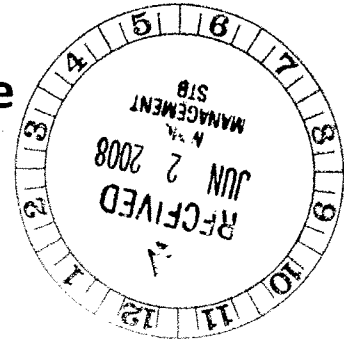


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May 19, 2008

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Rail congestion in the Chicago area is a major problem for commuters and negatively affects the atmosphere. That is why I am taking action by expressing my support for the acquisition of the EJ&E by CN Railway. I believe that this will be a means to ameliorate the current rail system, promote economic growth in the area, and create a positive impact on the environment.

The railway congestion in the town of Blue Island where I am a resident causes gridlock, which is very inconvenient. I can recall a couple of times when the trains had completely stopped traffic all together!

I like the fact that Chicago is known as the transportation hub of North America and as such, I think it is very important to find more efficient ways, such as those currently proposed by CN, to move goods through the city. If this acquisition is approved, I believe that it will benefit the region in a dramatic way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Finnegan".

Thomas Finnegan

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