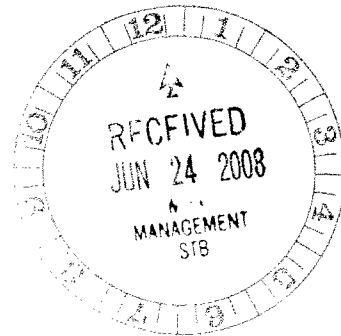


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Something has to be done to address the issue of train congestion in the Chicago region. CN has proposed acquiring part of the EJ&E line in order to re-route many freight trains around the city and away from my town of South Holland. If this is approved, it will be a positive development that will relieve congestion and reduce the pollution caused by idling trains and cars at blocked crossings.

At this time, I have to pass railroad crossings any direction that I travel. I am frequently stopped by freight trains, and have to wait a minimum of 5-10 minutes before crossing the tracks. Idling cars and trains is serious issue given the price of gas and the pollutants emitted. Something must be done to efficiently move traffic along.

CN's plan to move the freight trains around the city is a viable and cost-effective means of reducing congestion and pollution. I support this acquisition, and encourage you to approve it. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Jesse L. Jackson Jr.