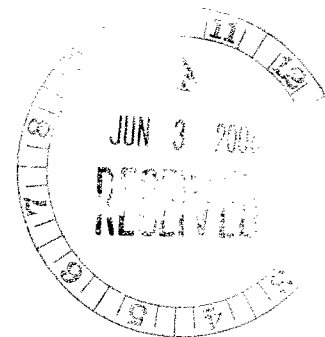


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May 20, 2008

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

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

As a resident of Des Plaines, an area with a large amount of railway traffic, I would like to take some time to voice my support of CN's acquisition of part of EJ&E Railway. This move would alleviate the extreme rail congestion that exists throughout the Chicago area. It would benefit both the residents who are inconvenienced daily by the constant traffic in their neighborhoods, and the broader area economically and environmentally.

I have been a resident of this area for almost five decades, and since I have lived here, there has been nothing but increases in railway traffic. As of now, I have multiple freight and commuter lines around my neighborhood which are frequently used. I work for a church, so I am constantly traveling around the area. I spend most of my time fighting traffic due to all the railway congestion and unfortunately, I cannot plan alternate routes as there are crossings in almost every direction. This has been an issue for some time now and with CN's proposal, hopefully this problem can finally be solved.

If CN is able to acquire EJ&E, many of the freight trains in the area will be redirected around the heavily populated, traffic congested areas of Chicago. This would not only do great things for the environment by reducing the amount of pollutants put into the air by idling trains, but it would also relieve the traffic problems caused by the constant passing of trains.

For these reasons, I ask that you approve this transaction and allow for the relief of railway congestion in the Chicago area. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of James Sanford in cursive script.

James Sanford

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Mark Steven Kirk