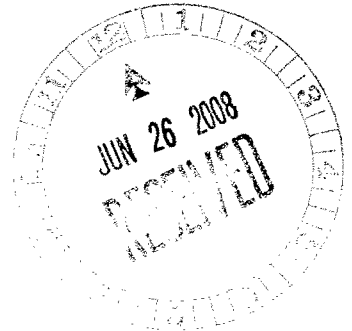


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
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Dear Secretary Quinlan:

CN's proposal to purchase a portion of EJ&E Railway has the capability to relieve the severe railway congestion in the Chicago area. CN's intention is to re-route some of the current freight traffic to a rail line that circumnavigates the more heavily-populated parts of this region. This would bring great economic and environmental benefits to our area.

As a resident of Blue Island, I often have to deal with rail congestion when traveling by car. The almost constant presence of stopped trains in the area delays car traffic and delays the deliveries of freight cargo. I often have to plan alternate routes through other neighborhoods in order to avoid railroad crossings. In addition, it currently can take 24 hours for a freight train to pass through the city of Chicago. Much of this time is spent inefficiently idling. This emits pollutants into our air and negatively affects the health of our residents. The problem continues to worsen each year.

For these reasons, I urge you to approve CN's transaction. Redirecting freight traffic to areas with significantly less rail traffic will greatly help Chicago remain a major "transportation hub" and improve the quality of life for Chicago-area residents.

Sincerely,

Maria Carrillo

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Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Bobby Rush