

Subject: [DPNeBlast] Please read, and take action before Sept. 30
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Please read the update, below, from <http://fightrailcongestion.com>. NOTE: Deadline for YOUR input is Sept. 30. The TRAC web site even offers a sample letter, which you can personalize for your own circumstances. The events of the last couple of weeks should demonstrate to you that citizen advocacy DOES make a difference. Please, make time for this vital issue.

Later will be too late.

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From: <administrator@fightrailcongestion.com>
Date: 24 Sep 2008 09:40:30 -0700
Subject: House Transportation & Infrastructure Approves H.R. 6707 on Voice Vote!

The Committee that was reviewing H.R. 6707 – the TRACs Act -- passed the bill on a voice vote just minutes ago!

This bill is meant to level the playing field between the railroads and impacted communities in mergers like CN's proposed acquisition of the EJ. It clarifies for the STB that it has the duty to reject transactions of this type if the public interest harms outweigh the transportation benefits.

THIS WAS A VITAL FIRST STEP TO GETTING THIS BILL ENACTED INTO LAW, BUT WE NEED YOU TO REACH OUT TO CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP WITH THE MESSAGE THAT H.R. 6707 MUST BE PASSED INTO LAW PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT.

Right now, Congress is in the midst of working with the Administration to find a solution to the economic meltdown that began with the subprime mortgage crisis. That crisis was started because an industry put its short-term profits above the public good, and as a consequence, American taxpayers will bear the

economic burden. On a much smaller scale, that is what we are facing with the CN acquisition of the EJ. Unless H.R. 6707 passes, the railroads will continue to have the ability to secure increased profit margins at the expense of the communities in which they operate – and ultimately – all Americans. Absent adequate mitigation funding by CN, the American taxpayer will be faced with paying billions of dollars to clean up CN's mess in the region for decades to come if the STB approves CN's application to buy the EJ. Let's RESOUNDINGLY ask Congress to head off that burden on the taxpayer before it happens by passing H.R. 6707 NOW!

Contact info is:

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi -- <http://www.speaker.gov/contact>

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer -- http://www.majorityleader.gov/email_and_rss/email_the_leader

Rep. John Boehner (House Republican Leader) -- <http://republicanleader.house.gov/Contact/>

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid -- <http://reid.senate.gov/contact/index.cfm>

Senator Mitch McConnell (Senate Minority Leader) -- http://mcconnell.senate.gov/contact_form.cfm

Senate Asst. Majority Leader Dick Durbin -- <http://durbin.senate.gov/contact.cfm>

Senate Daniel K. Inouye -- Chairman, Senate Commerce, Science Transportation Committee -- <http://inouye.senate.gov/abtform.html>

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