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Dear,
Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

We live in Frankfort, Illinois and are a retired couple who bought a home near the EJ&E tracks. We accepted the fact that only 6 trains pass by here per day. Never in our lives did we anticipate an increase of 30 to 40 trains a day.

Emergency Services and School buses crossing the tracks are a great concern. The noise, the hazardous waste, the traffic problems, are sure to follow. Decrease in property values would be unbearable. Would you buy a house near a heavily trafficked railroad?

The Canadian National Railroad, by their own admission, has a horrendous safety record and they want the United States tax payers to pay for the vast majority of the grade crossing, over passes and safety improvements.

How can US tax payers be expected to pay for a Foreign railroads cost, at a time that our own economic downturn is unbelievable!! This non stop rail traffic will cut the community in half and create many safety issues for the Fire & Police Departments. We think there are only two solutions. Leave their rail traffic where it is presently or build a new rail out in a rural area where it's impact would be enormously reduced.

Please help us. Thank you,

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