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Phyllis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. St. SW
Washington, DC 20423

Ref. STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Ball,

As a 31 year resident of New Lenox, I am opposing the increase in train traffic to our area.

Progress has made New Lenox and surrounding villages much busier and crowded than I ever dreamed of when I moved here. The high volume of traffic that we are experiencing, without the luxury of many thru roads, is becoming more and more dangerous for all of our residents, children, bikers, walkers and drivers.

The train whistles already are our wake up calls at 4:00am, not to mention the many stops for the freights and commuters on our every day schedules. Congestion is already a problem.

A 400 per cent increase in the train traffic is more than any town can tolerate. The noise of the everyday whistles and the (hazardous) materials carried plus the traffic created because of the long and frequent trains will only infuriate residents and make this community undesirable to others. Not to mention the cost to taxpayers to accommodate the new traffic.

Please look at it as if this was your own town, with your loved ones living here. Would you find it a desirable place to live and work without being taxed out of your home? Would you accept a proposed plan such as this in your town?

Patricia Andrews
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia Andrews", written in dark ink.