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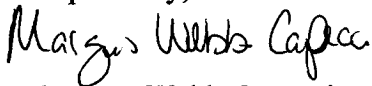
Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Ms Johnson-Ball

As a resident of New Lenox IL, I am in a community that will be directly impacted by the increased number of trains that are being proposed with the purchase of the EJ&E railroad by the CN railroad. I would like to express my heartfelt concerns in regards to this proposal. I understand that the number of trains may exceed 30 per day and that these trains may extend 3 miles in length and will take approximately 20 minutes to pass each crossing. There are 5 crossings in New Lenox alone that will be affected by these trains. This will virtually cut off the south end of town. I live on the south end of town. My family will be CUT OFF from our schools, our library our park district our church, our public transportation AND MOST IMPORTANTLY OUR HOSPITALS!!! Our high school for the south side of New Lenox is right next to one of the crossings. I AM EXTREEMLY CONCERNED WITH TEENAGES DRIVING TO SCHOOL THAT THEY MAY WANT TO GO AROUND THE GATES SO THAT THEY ARE NOT LATE TO CLASS.

PLEASE consider the negative impact that the CN will have on our community if it is allowed to acquire the EJ&E. When you make your recommendation I urge you to PLEASE VOTE NO to the CN.

Respectfully,



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