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Phillis Johnson-Ball, Deputy Chief
and Victoria J. Rutson, Chief
Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
395 E. Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Phillis Johnson-Ball and Victoria J. Rutson,

I am writing this letter in response to the mailing received from your office in regards to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Canadian National Railway Company acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company. I understand that I received this mailing in response to the letter that my husband and I wrote stating our objections to the acquisition. I wanted to express my frustration and disappointment in your mailing.

My husband and I each received one; only one to a household would have been sufficient. However, I would have preferred just a letter. It would have been more economical and done the job just as well. I wanted to inform you that it was a waste of taxpayer's dollars to send the "packet" of information that you did. One CD out of each packet was cracked and it not only cost money to produce the CDs but the brochure it came in was not inexpensive either. I used to work in advertising so I know. In addition, it was more to mail than a standard letter.

What are our governmental employees thinking? That is why America is having the problems we are having. Too much waste and it is apparent that it starts at the top in our government! Speaking of waste, to ruin our community for the benefit of a rail line makes me ill; not all change is good.

I considered not even writing this letter but in the end I wanted to share what my husband and I thought. I do not know if this letter will have any impact on "business as usual" except that it allowed me to have a voice and isn't that what America is about.

Sincerely,



Lisa B. Brown