

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

Dear Ms Johnson-Ball:

As a resident of Lake Zurich, IL, I would like to state my strong opposition to the Canadian National Rail Road's acquisition. They have expressed no sincere interest in the environmental + economic needs of the Illinois communities impacted by their operations.

The Village President of Lake Zurich + the Board of Trustees have gone on record opposing the acquisition. I am most concerned about the safety issues, delays. Our schools are within a few hundred yards of hazardous rail cargo.

Please consider the rejection of the Canadian National Rail Road acquisition of the E. St + E Rail Road. Our communities will suffer so much.

Sincerely

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