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Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball

I send this letter to you with the intention that it reaches the three gentlemen, Mr. Charles D. Nottingham, Mr. W. Douglas Buttrey, and Mr. Francis P. Mulvey, who were all appointed and are current board members to the Surface Transportation Board.

As a resident of the New Lenox/Joliet area, I believe our communities will be negatively impacted with the unbelievable number of (26) or more trains per day of (2) to (3) miles in length that will result from Canadian National's successful acquisition of the EJ&E railroad from US Steel Corp. I am opposed to the acquisition because we the citizens will have to live with the delays, interruptions and risks they will expose to each of us who live here. It is not just the cost factor of having to add very expensive overpasses and their unwillingness to bear the major portion of the expense, but it's the risk of accidents and hazardous waste spills that can only increase with the frequency of trains compounded by the CNR's lack of attention to maintenance and callous attitude towards employee working conditions. It's no secret that the Canadian National does not keep its equipment in the best of working order which you must know and they are working their people exceptionally long work hours as we have learned from testimonials given in the recent public hearings held in our communities. These two conditions combined can never work to improve their already poor record as established by the Canadian government. If they will not respond to their own

government to improve, what chance do we have, once they are here.

I am asking you to deny the approval of this foreign entity's take-over of the EJ&E railroad. It would only serve to put mega millions of dollars into their pockets while disturbing the environment in our rural way of life. We don't want the filth, the risk of accidents, the continuous delays and repercussions that naturally follow, the noise, nor any of the expense of mitigation and cleanup from spills.

Mr. Nottinham, I do not think you would want it splitting your community in half in Fredericksburg, Virginia and you Mr. Buttrey in Gainesville, Virginia would not stand for the impractical and continuous lengthy delays it would bring going to your place of employment. Mr. Mulvey, where ever you reside in the state of Maryland, if you were the mayor, you would not have appreciated being talked to in the manner the CNR did to our mayors. The CNR is preparing to roll over us and they do not intend to pay for much more beyond their offer to US Steel. You need to stand up and speak for us. It's your responsibility as the regulatory body.

With the financial crisis we are in and the associated regulatory bodies being criticized for their lack of action while these problems festered and grew in size, I would hope that you take this CNR matter most seriously and put our rights as citizens ahead of those of a foreign business entity whose only concern is their own profitability.

Respectfully,

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