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Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On behalf of the many residents living in Will County in the State of Illinois who will experience the inconvenience of the Canadian National (CN) Railway plan, we would like to express our feelings on the sale of the EJ&E Railway system. Our home is approximately 3 city blocks from the railway system, which also includes a crossing. With the increased railway traffic from CN, our area for receiving emergency vehicles (fire trucks, ambulances) will be jeopardized. And, with the increased railway traffic comes the noise and smell from the trains.

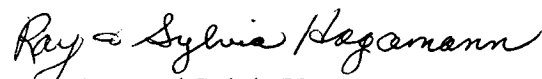
At a recent city council meeting, fellow residents expressed their regret to increased train traffic. Their homes are closer to the railway system; the odor, sound, and sometimes idling engines have made it impossible to live a somewhat "quiet" and "clean" life.

We would ask that you take into consideration our concerns and of the many thousands who have contacted you previously.

With our country and its citizens facing many difficulties these days, please let us have some "piece of mind" when we come home at the end of the day.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Ray and Sylvia Hagemann