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Phillis Johnson -Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

I would like to voice my opposition to the Canadian National Railroad's purchase of the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railway. The rerouting of their trains around Chicago would impact the safety, congestion and travel for a majority of residents, schools, businesses and all emergency services.

Please oppose this acquisition.

Thank you,

Thomas M. Dowd