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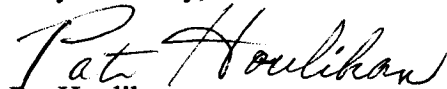
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STB Finance Docket No. 35087
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

To the Section of Environmental Analysis and to the Surface Transportation Board:

I am writing to ask the Board not to approve Canadian National's current proposal for the EJ&E line. I am a volunteer at Good Shepherd Hospital and have sat on the Auxiliary Board for the last 10 years. There are so many reasons not to rush into this proposal, the hospital and the welfare of it's patients being only one. We live about 10 minutes away from the hospital, but we are across the tracks. So, one of the big questions in our minds and the minds of all of those people who live on our side of the tracks is, what happens to those patients waiting in an ambulance for a freight train to pass? How long would it take to see overpasses? Who would pay for them? My husband has had heart surgery. We are in our 70's. I would not want to be re-routed to another hospital since I believe that Good Shepherd is the best hospital in our area and have dedicated myself to that belief since we moved here and I have come to know the people in Administration.

I realize that there are many other reasons to move slowly with this plan as it will devastate the town and the shop owners if not handled in a thoughtful manner. I beg you not to approve the proposed action in its current form until funding and construction can be worked out.

Very Sincerely,



Pat Houlihan

Chairman, Nominating Committee
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