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Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Phillis,

We are writing this letter to let you know that we **adamantly oppose** the CN Railway coming into our neighborhood.

We have lived in Frankfort for the past 17 years and love our community. Eight years ago we built a home close to the tracks with the understanding that we would have 6 slow moving rails a day. We have put so much time, money and effort into our home and love to entertain by our pool in our backyard. These trains that will be coming in will definitely destroy our quality of life with the noise, the volume of trains per day, and the pollution coming close to our backyard.

These trains will divide our community in half. Traffic will be horrendous. Not only that, but it will interfere with our first responder and emergency services responding to those who need immediate medical assistance. I work in an elementary school in another community that will be affected by this railroad. There was a little girl last year who turned blue in gym class. Thanks to the quick reactions of some of our teachers and the community emergency response teams, the child lived. What is going to happen to our families who aren't so lucky because the response teams were stuck in traffic due to these trains running right through the middle of our towns?

We also oppose having to help fund with the infrastructure improvements. This is not our responsibility as tax payers. Would you pay for something you didn't want?

We vehemently oppose the acquisition to buy the EJ & E Railroad by the CN Railroad. We have come to this quiet town to raise our children, educate them in the best schools and live our lives as quietly and peacefully as possible. This railroad will totally destroy our quality of life and the lives of the many wonderful families who chose this community for the same reasons we have.

Thank you for reading,
Sincerely,
Scott and Kristi Linke

Cc: Village of Frankfort, IL