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

ATTN: Environmental Filing
Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

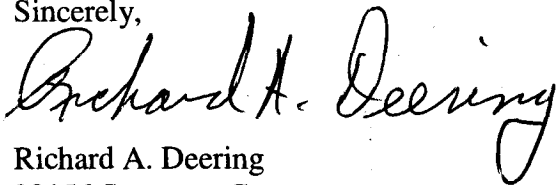
Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

I am a resident of Frankfort, Illinois. With the proposed purchase of the EJ&E railroad by the CN railroad, a huge negative impact on the community is expected.

- 1) Emergency response time will be affected. Sometimes, that can be the difference between life and death.
- 2) Pollution, air and noise, will increase due to the additional trains and the idling traffic at the gates. Gas and time will be wasted at the crossing gates.
- 3) Increased hazardous waste transportation is also a concern.
- 4) Safety-Our subdivision links up with the Old Plank Road Bicycle Trail. Many people, including children, cross the railroad tracks on the way to the trail. Personally, I regularly commute by bicycle to work. I have a 13 mile commute and utilize the trail to minimize my travel on the roads. I cross the railroad tracks twice in my commute. With the increase in railroad traffic, it is more likely that I will be delayed once and possibly twice in my commute. I cannot risk that additional time to my commute and will be forced to either stop commuting by bicycle, or, ride on higher traffic roads with car and truck traffic.

Please take my concerns into consideration when you make your recommendation and vote "NO" to the CN.

Sincerely,



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