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

REF: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

RE: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation-Control EJ&E West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35087)

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

As a resident of the City of Warrenville for 26 years, I've been paying close attention to the proposed purchase of the EJ&E Railroad by Canadian National. I know that the City of Warrenville has met with CN representatives three times and has conveyed resident concerns, particularly by those living so close to the tracks. It is my understanding, that there will be a significant increase in train traffic (over 70%) and hazardous waste traveling through our community.

The potential environmental impacts related to the transportation of hazardous materials are of great concern. Like myself, there are numerous residents located immediately adjacent to the EJ&E Railroad line with an elementary school and parks located less than a mile away. We have also experienced years of vibrations from existing train traffic. With such a proposed increase, how is vibration going to be mitigated?

My final concern is about the City's ongoing efforts towards establishing a quiet zone. Staff and elected officials have dedicated approximately three years towards this goal. Will this transaction force the City to start at the beginning of this long process? Residents along the EJ&E have patiently waited for the quiet zone to be established for several years.

I oppose this transaction because I am concerned about safety and the quality of life in Warrenville and the value of my home and property. Please consider the severe impact on local residents when evaluating this transaction. Should you require further information, please feel free to contact me at 630-395-3029.

Sincerely,


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