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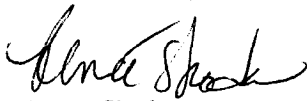
Dear Phillis Johnson-Ball,

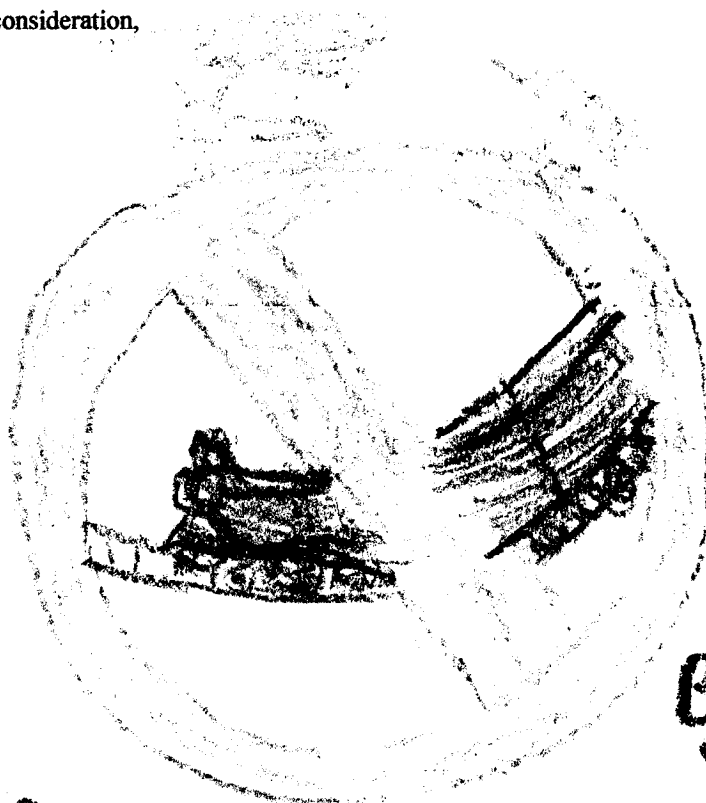
I am writing on behalf of myself, my husband, and my two young daughters. We live in Frankfort, Illinois approximately one half mile from the EJ&E train tracks. When making your decision on the EJ&E acquisition by CN, I implore you to give thoughtful consideration to those who will be negatively impacted by the purchase.

We always knew there could be an increase in the number of trains on those tracks, but never imagined such a drastic change. We don't mind the sound of the occasional train coming through our neighborhood but we do take issue with the idea of hazardous materials so close to home. The increased noise that more trains will bring is also a concern of mine and my hope is that there will be a cap on the number of trains passing through each hour. My daughters spend hours each day outside playing and they shouldn't be driven indoors by the constant noise of train traffic coming through their once peaceful neighborhood. My biggest concern over the proposed purchase of EJ&E, however, is the lack of overpasses/underpasses in our community. Our home is on the opposite side of the tracks from the school my daughters attend. I am concerned about their bus rides to and from school. How much time will they spend sitting at the crossings? If there is a medical emergency, will ambulances be able to get to them in a timely manner? I am a nurse and I know that minutes could mean the difference between life and death.

Please do not allow this purchase to happen without taking a "hard look" at the impact it will have on our community. The constant noise, a decrease in property values, concerns over hazardous materials and delayed EMS response times....these issues should not be dismissed. They mean something to those people whose communities lie along the train tracks. They mean something to my family.

Thank you for your time and consideration,


Renee Skoda

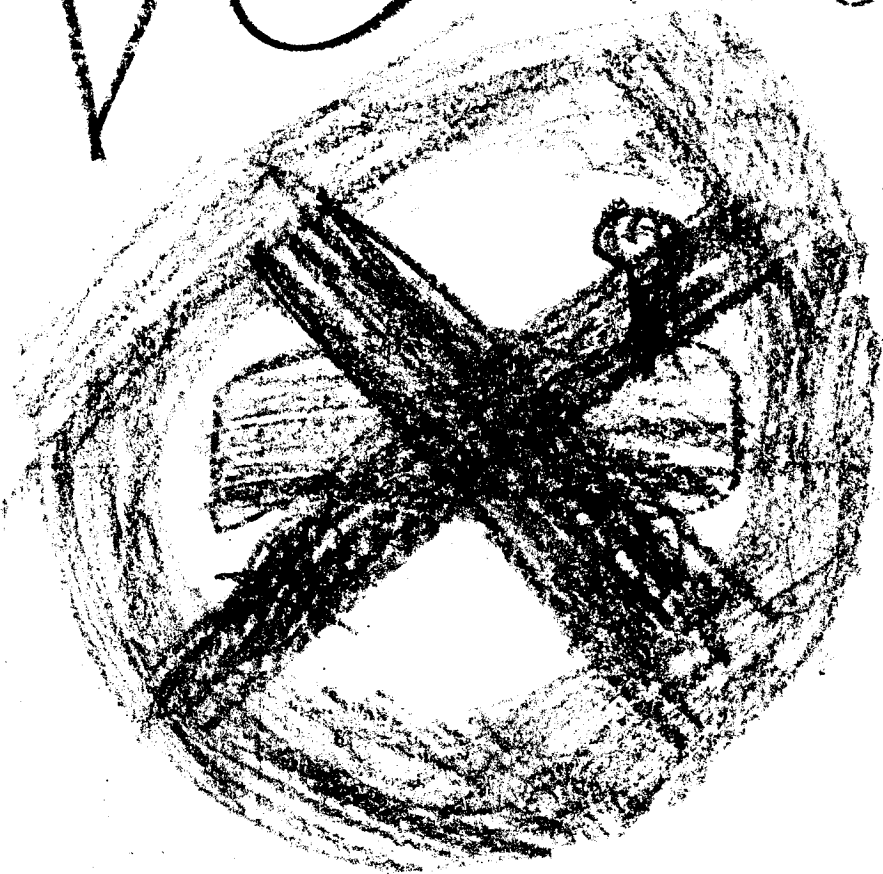


By: Sophie
Skoda age 9

NO MORE TRAINS !!!

By: Molly Skoda
7 years old

NO Trains



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