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Surface Transportation Board:

I am opposed to the sale of the EJ&E Railroad to the Canadian National Railway Corporation. First of all the increase in the number of trains and their proposed length of 2 miles will isolate much of my community from medical, police and fire department services when these trains are passing by my house. As a senior citizen, these services are especially important to me.

Besides the personal impact on me and my community, another aspect of this sale which bothers me is the turnover of basic transportation infrastructure of the United States to foreign corporations whose whole motivation is financial gain without any interest or concern for the citizens of this community or country. This is just one example where the "Selling of America" is taking place, but transportation is a very important part of our nation's future and needs to be preserved and controlled within this country. We are currently in a financial crisis resulting from corporate greed with companies within our own country. We do not need a foreign company, namely CN, doing the same or worse to us.

As our energy costs escalate, rail traffic will become more desirable from the standpoint of reduced cost and pollution. I am certain that more financial incentives to railroad companies by state and federal government will be available and it bothers me that a foreign company will receive our tax monies to use for improvements to their own import facilities. These improvements which would allow them to ship their imported goods into the United States would likely eliminate jobs in our country.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rheta Vaughn".

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