

Surface Transportation Board
395 E St., SW, Washington, DC 20423

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

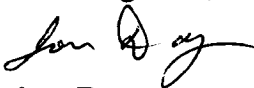
I am writing to ask that the STB deny CN's request to purchase the EJ&E railway, Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087. This acquisition would truly be damaging for the suburbs of Chicago in many ways. There are limited routes from one suburb to another near Chicago, and the increased train traffic will cause extreme congestion and significantly increase travel times and additional fuel costs for the citizens living outside Chicago.

In addition, the noise from 48 trains a day would be distressing to say the least. We currently have 16 trains a day pass near our house, each one blaring their whistles as they pass. We can't open our windows because of the noise. Increase that to 48, and it would be unimaginable.

Finally, the increased pollution and safety risks for our neighborhoods are distressing. More potential for hazardous waste incidents and train related accidents will occur if this acquisition goes through. We are also concerned because police and fire protection will be hindered.

Please do not let the CN bully the STB into making fast decision without considering the extreme negative impact it will have on the people who do not live in Chicago. Once again, we ask that you deny the request of CN to acquire the EJ&E railroad.

Kind regards,



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