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Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
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To whom it may concern:

My family moved to Plainfield, Illinois in July 2007. We live a mile west of the EJ&E Rail Line. I travel across this rail line for work 5 times a week. As a family, 99% of our shopping trips and other errands require us to cross this rail line. If we knew that CN would acquire the EJ&E Rail Line, we would not have purchased our home where we did in Plainfield.

I stand in strong opposition to the proposed acquisition for the following reasons:

- Significant vehicle delays at railroad crossings on our already congested roads.
- The safety of the crossings: namely emergency response times as well as the increase in noise, vibrations, and pollution as the trains pass through our communities. **I shutter to think what would happen if a two-mile train delayed an ambulance coming to the emergency medical care for my wife or 4 year old son!**
- Neighboring cities and villages that use our roads for their commutes to and from work, school and other activities will also feel the impact.

Sincerely,



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