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Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW
Washington DC 20423

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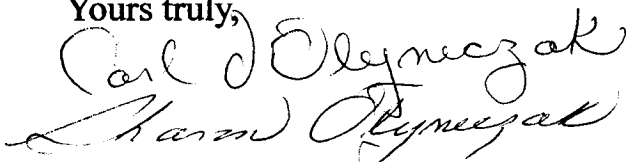
Dear Madam;

As senior citizens residing in an area south of Laraway and Nelson Rd. in New Lenox, we wish to protest the purchase of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway by the Canadian National Railroad. The expanded train scheduling proposed by CN would seriously jeopardize our ability to obtain timely access to local hospitals in case of emergency. If the freight trains are more than 10,000 feet in length, it would tie up all access to the north on all existing north-south access roads in our immediate area.

It would also isolate the only existing fire station from obtaining help from other New Lenox stations as well as deter us from access to I-80 and the new I-355 extension.

This purchase would be a hardship on all residents south of Laraway Road and would be an effective deterrent to construction of new housing and business.

Yours truly,

Handwritten signatures of Carl and Sharon Olejniczak in cursive script.

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