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Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball
STB Finance Docket No. 35087
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

I understand that the Canadian National Railway Corporation has filed an application with the Federal STB to seek approval to acquire the EJ&E West Company. Their purpose is to use the existing EJ&E railways to expand their rail lines around Chicago. This would reduce time delays for CN by avoiding current Chicago congestion. Estimations predict that the average numbers of trains will increase almost three-fold per day, with each train's length being allowed to increase to 10,000 feet.

Plainfield is one of the villages to be included in this change. Our small town area has already been greatly affected by population growth the past 15 years. Our infra-structure, including roads, have not been able to keep up with the increase in demand. There are miles of back-ups every day and we are only several miles big in any direction. We are land locked by natural limitations of rivers, lakes, cemeteries and bird sanctuaries, thus the inability to expand existing roads or create additional roadways in the area. The Interstate 55 expansion to 3 lanes each way from 2 will be complete at years end. That is sorely needed, but if there is a problem, the traffic dumps into our town. Then there is gridlock.

To increase delays with more train traffic would make the town virtually impassable.

I urge you to vote against this purchase in the constituents best interest for:

- Vehicle/pedestrian traffic delays
- Safety: Emergency response teams.
- Commerce: Work transportation, schools, shopping.
- Environmental: Increase fuel consumption and pollution of all vehicles plus noise levels.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Obrecht