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Surface Transportation Board
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Ref: STB Finance Docket No 35087

Re: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation Control – EJ&E West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35987)

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

As a resident of the city of Warrenville IL for eleven years, I've been paying close attention to the proposed purchase of the EJ&E Railroad by Canadian National (CN). I know that the city of Warrenville has met with CN representatives three times and has conveyed resident concerns, particularly of those living so close to the tracks (our town home complex is immediately adjacent to the tracks). It is my understanding that there will be a significant increase in train traffic (over 70%) and in hazardous waste traveling through our community.

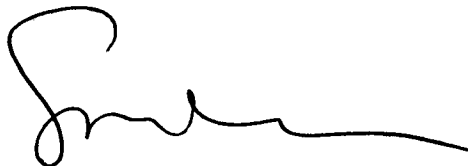
The potential environmental impacts related to the transportation of hazardous materials are of great concern. Like myself, there are other numerous residents in other developments located immediately adjacent to the EJ&E railroad line, with an elementary school and park located less than a mile away. These households have experienced years of vibrations from existing train traffic. With such a proposed traffic increase, how is vibration to be mitigated? There is also a large natural gas pipe line that runs with feet of the rail bed that should be strongly considered with the potential for hazard and rupture. Fermi Labs with its ongoing delicate experiments cannot avoid being affected. Also, the immediate track area adjacent to Maple Hill is a natural wetlands conservation area, and that will be most adversely affected by traffic increase.

My final concern is about the City's ongoing efforts toward establishing a quiet zone. Staff and elected officials have dedicated approximately three years towards this goal. Will this transaction force the City to start at the beginning of this long process? Residents along the EJ&E have patiently waited for the quiet zone to be established for several years.

It is because of my concerns about ~~safety~~ and the quality of life that I oppose this transaction. I hope the Surface Transportation Board considers the severe impacts on local residents when evaluating this transaction. Should you require further information, please feel free to contact me at 630-876-2679.

Sincerely,

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