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September 29, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
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Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Mrs. Johnson-Ball:

As a resident of New Lenox, a community that will be negatively impacted with the increased number of trains being proposed with the purchase of the EJ&E railroad by the CN railroad, I would like to express my concerns.

I understand that the number of trains may exceed 30 trains in the future and that these trains may extend 3 miles in length causing over 20 minute crossing delays. We are experiencing lengthy delays with the number of trains currently passing through.

Other reasons for strongly believing that this will negatively impact our community and surrounding area is:

- that traffic tie ups on area roads will prevent school buses to safely deliver children to school on time
- it will delay American tax payers to arrive at their places of employment on time
- it will cause additional tax hikes (to an already overtaxed community) for RR crossings to be repaired, constructed in addition to maintaining and constructing roads / and over passes that may be needed

It's time to start thinking about the American communities, companies and tax payers and stop bending over backwards worrying about the foreign companies such as the Canadian Nat'l Railway. What is wrong with allowing American trucking companies and American independent truck drivers to deliver goods? Is there going to be any tangible revenue our communities from EJ&E or the CN Railroad for disrupting and creating an "EYESORE" to our countryside or to help our citizens?

Sincerely,

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