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Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Re: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation- Control -
EJ&E West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35087)

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

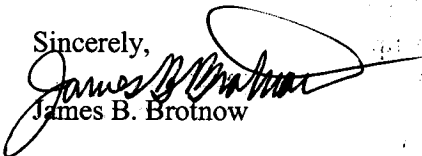
As a resident of the City of Warrenville, Illinois for six years, I have been paying close attention to the proposed purchase of the EJ&E Railroad by Canadian National (CN). I know that the City of Warrenville has met with CN representatives three times and has conveyed resident concerns, particularly by those living close to the tracks. I live within a block of those tracks and within two blocks from a (gateless) crossing, at the east entrance to Fermi Lab. It is my understanding, that there will be a significant increase in train traffic (over 70%) and 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 numerous residents located immediately adjacent to the EJ&E Railroad line with elementary school and parks located less than a mile away. These households have also experienced years of vibrations, train noise, including very loud and long whistles at all hours of the day and night, often in the very early hours of the morning at 2AM to 5AM or 6AM from existing train traffic. With such a proposed and projected significant increase in train traffic, how is this going to be mitigated?

My final concern is about the City's ongoing efforts toward establishing a quiet zone. City staff and elected officials have dedicated approximately three years towards this goal. Will this transaction force the City to start over again in this long process? We 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 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 630-393-0522.

Sincerely,


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