

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

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Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

I am writing to express my opposition to the prospective acquisition of the EJ&E line by Canadian National Railway. I strongly feel that the negative impact this proposed transaction will have on our local communities is immense. The increased number of longer and faster freight trains running through our neighborhoods will result in:

- More accidents and deaths along the rail line
- An increase in automobile traffic gridlock at rail crossings
- Elevated pollution and noise levels
- Dangerously longer response times of our Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Teams
- Disruption and/or closure of local business activities
- Adverse impact on our property values

Additionally, recent studies by RTA have revealed that a potential overcrowding of the EJ&E lines will also interfere with commuter METRA train lines affecting our ability to get to and from our workplaces in a timely manner.

Even more personally, I'm very concerned how the increase in train traffic and increase in the amount of hazardous materials racing near our home will put my children in danger. We moved to our home 2 years ago after saving to build our dream home in Frankfort IL. We choose our home location based on the excellent school district. We wanted to provide our boys with the best possible future. Now CN wants to come along, increase noise, vibration and increase the risk of dangerous hazardous material traveling 300 feet from our children. It makes me ill thinking we have inadvertently put our children in harms way. If you accept this deal, we will see our dream home's value diminish even more than the market downturn, our already high taxes will go up since CN does not plan to pay for the improvements that will be needed to provide safety, noise and congestion remedies. Our dream home is turning into a nightmare. Please consider the lives of the Americans this foreign company wants to permanently alter.

Please do not let us be "railroaded" by Canadian National. We are hopeful that you will make the decision to vote against this acquisition and to help keep our communities safe for us and for future generations.

Respectfully yours,



Gregg & Samantha Gorczowski

Frankfort IL Residents Directly Impacted By the Proposed Sale