

September 26, 2008

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

Re: STB Finance Docket #35087
Proposed Acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad by Canadian National

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

I am writing to you to let you know that I am opposed to the Canadian National buyout of the EJ&E Railroad. We currently have about 8 freight trains that go through our town. The proposed buyout would increase that to a minimum of 28 trains a day. Our infrastructure in Frankfort, Illinois can not handle the increase of freight trains.

To get to my children's school, I have to cross the railroad tracks on two different streets, Pfeiffer Road & Sauk Trail. An increase in freight trains will delay bus schedules as well as emergency vehicles. We have a quite little town. I can still hear the freight trains in the middle of the night from my house, more than 2 miles away. The increase in the freight trains will disrupt our town and put families in danger due to the environmental impact if any of these trains derail which we see more often now.

Again, I am strongly opposed to the Canadian National purchase of the EJ& E Railroad. If this purchase is approved, then Canadian National should have to pay for improvements with the trains going above and over our roads. Canadian National only stands to profit from this purchase, if they weren't making a profit they would not be proposing the acquisition, therefore, Canadian National should foot the bill for the overpasses that are going to be needed in Frankfort and our surrounding communities.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marilyn L. Gold".

Marilyn L. Gold
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