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Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
Attn: Phyllis Johnson-Ball

Edward Cochran
520 Livingston Dr.
New Lenox, IL 60451

Dear Phyllis,

I am opposed to the CN acquisition of the EJ&E. I have been a resident taxpayer of New Lenox for 14 years, along with my family of 5. Before that, my parents lived in New Lenox for 20 years, whereupon I bought their home. Rerouting the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway trains through our towns will dramatically impact the safety, congestion and travel for a majority of residents, schools, businesses and all of the emergency service agencies.

We have heard that increased amounts of hazardous material will be transported through our communities. The potential costs to our community to alleviate the impact of this decision is absolutely unfair. Why would we allow this to happen? My family and I vehemently oppose this acquisition.

I ask you to do everything necessary to blockade it. Thank you for your help

Sincerely,

Edward Cochran