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Surface Transportation Board
 395 E. Street, S.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Sir.

Re. Application of the CN to purchase the E&E

My wife & I for the past 25+ years have resided in the Westwood Subdivision which adjoins the E&E road bed. Not only are we concerned regarding the current relatively quiet neighborhood we live in but the effect that this purchase will negatively affect property values of same.

Additional concerns are:

- increase in number of daily train traffic
- effect on emergency response times - the nearest hospital entails a crossing of both the E&E and Santa Fe tracks.
- speed of freight trains - who governs?
- weight & height of individual rail cars - who governs?
- Road bed ability to support increased traffic
- impact of increased traffic on ground vibration - basement walls/etc.?
- Current ownership by U.S. Steel Corp. provides a competitive freight line.

We would urge you to conduct a complete review of the CNA application, additional traffic projections, complete/comprehensive process of environmental review and impact statement.

Additionally, any approval of the CNA acquisition be expressly conditioned upon enforceable conditions to mitigate the adverse impact on our Village of Barrington and the greater Barrington region.

Sincerely,

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