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Phillis Johnson-Ball  
Surface Transportation Board  
Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms Johnson-Ball

My name is Roger Leggero. For the last 10 years my wife, Alexis, and I have lived in Frankfort, Illinois with our three sons (now grown). I am writing to ask you to please not allow the E J & E rail line sale to CN.

I'm sure you are aware of The Regional Answer to Canadian National (TRAC) arguments against the sale: public & school safety, 500% increase in rail traffic with expected delays of over 5 hours per day in the affected communities, failure to improve Chicago rail congestion long-term, giving unfair competitive advantage to a foreign corporation competing against American Railways, loss of jobs in west coast port and rail industries and quality of life issues in the affected communities.

It seems the only people or entity that stands to gain is CN. It also appears that CN's record with dealing with affected communities is poor and CN's safety record questionable.

The affected communities are vibrant and growing. Young families aspire to live in these communities to enjoy the excellent schools, parks, forest preserves and community events that make for general well-being and happiness.

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The CN acquisition of the EJ&E would jeopardize this good life for hundreds of thousands of us - millions, if you use the projected population numbers for the next 20 years.

Please do not allow the CN to acquire the EJ&E and begin a decline in quality of life in our communities. CN can purchase rural land 50 miles outside the existing tracks and build their own line. CN is said to have made \$200 billion before taxes ~~and~~ last year on \$800 billion gross revenues.

Should you decide to approve the acquisition please consider putting in place stringent conditions and requirements to install grade separations on all crossings; and, to improve and enforce safety and delay regulations and fines.

Thank you for your service and consideration in this most important matter. The hundreds of thousands of citizens immediately affected by your decision are hoping you will put our lives before CN's commercial interest.

Cordially,  
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