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Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

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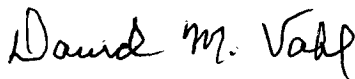
Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

As a resident of New Lenox, Illinois, a community that will be negatively impacted with the increased number of trains being proposed with the purchase of the EJ&E railroad by the CN railroad, I would like to express my concerns regarding this matter. I understand that the number of trains may exceed 30 trains each day in the future and that these trains may extend 3 miles in length, causing over 20 minute crossing delays.

As a resident living south of the EJ&E railroad tracks, my biggest concern is that emergency response vehicles would not be able to move freely on the north/south roads of the village, greatly impacting residents south of the tracks. In addition, any crossing upgrades required for the safety of our citizens would fall upon us as taxpayers to finance. I cannot afford an increase in my taxes for this purpose. Also, CN's safety record is not good and I am concerned that this deal will make our village a less safe place to live and raise a family. Finally, the additional time added to my daily work commute to allow for delays at train crossings and increased congestion would cause added stress and headaches.

Please take my concerns into consideration when you make your recommendation and vote no to the CN.

Sincerely,



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