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

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Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

I am writing to express my opposition to the prospective acquisition of the EJ&E line by Canadian National Railway. I strongly feel that the negative impact this proposed transaction will have on our local communities is immense. The increased number of longer and faster freight trains running through our neighborhoods will result in:

-More accidents and deaths along the rail line
-An increase in automobile traffic gridlock at rail crossings
-Elevated pollution and noise levels
-Dangerously longer response times of our Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Teams
-Disruption and/or closure of local business activities
-Adverse impact on our property values

Additionally, recent studies by RTA have revealed that a potential overcrowding of the EJ&E lines will also interfere with commuter METRA train lines affecting our ability to get to and from our workplaces in a timely manner.

Please don't let us be "railroaded" by Canadian National. We are hopeful that you will make the decision to vote against this acquisition and to help keep our communities safe for us and for future generations.

Respectfully yours,