

Sept. 22, 2008

Chairman Charles Nottingham
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Nottingham,

As a resident of Lake Zurich, Illinois I would like to state my strong opposition to the Canadian National Rail Road's acquisition of the EJ&E Rail Road currently pending a review by the U.S. Surface Transportation Board. This acquisition not only has no value for Lake Zurich or any other communities along the EJ&E line, but would serve to destroy the local environment and ruin the economy of our communities.

The C.N. line has expressed no sincere interest in the environmental and economic needs of our communities affected by their proposal. In addition, they are trying to expedite the approval in advance of our upcoming Presidential election because they fear additional scrutiny with newly appointed members of the STB.

Some of the reasons for my opposition are:

Additional delays from increased traffic will negatively impact public, vehicular and pedestrian safety—major arterial roads will be blocked with trains of 10,000 feet.

Emergency response times will be greatly affected. Our District 95 school buses cross at grade crossings 233 times per day—transportation of students will be impacted.

Our local high school and one of our elementary schools abut existing rr. Tracks, which will be a hazard to students with, increased railroad traffic.

A long planned rail service, STAR line, is slated to use the EJ&E tracks, which would decrease the amount of carbon emissions from autos by reducing their traffic.

As a result, the STB needs to understand our economic situation and must require the CN be 100% financially accountable to mitigate adverse public safety and environmental impacts. CN should fund construction of overpasses and/or underpasses for the following at-grade crossings in our community: Oakwood Rd., East Main St., Old Rand Rd. and Cuba Rd.

I encourage the STB to reject the CN acquisition of the EJ&E Rail Road. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

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