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September 22, 2008

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

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087 - Canadian National Railroad Acquisition of the EJ
and E Railroad

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

On behalf of the approximate 1,400 families in our soccer club serving the Lake Zurich, Hawthorn Woods, Kildeer and Deer Park communities I am writing to express our extreme opposition to the proposed acquisition of the EJ and E Railroad by the Canadian National Railroad. I will not reiterate the many reasons why this acquisition would be devastating to our collective communities as they have been well documented. I offer only another argument opposing this acquisition.

The nearly 1,400 children in our program play on many fields in the immediate vicinity of the EJ and E rail line, some as close as 150 feet. The existing train traffic interferes with our games and practices on those fields nearest the line. If the train traffic is increased 480% or more as proposed those fields nearest the tracks will be rendered unusable. Our club already struggles with not having enough fields to play on. The increased train traffic would be devastating to our club and the 1,400 families it serves.

We implore you to consider the overwhelmingly negative impact this transaction will have on our community and specifically our community youth when deciding its outcome. Our communities have absolutely nothing to gain with this transaction and much to lose. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Morell", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Steve Morell
President
Ela Soccer Club