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September 26, 2008

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

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087



Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

My family of five are happy citizens of New Lenox, Illinois. Our town, "The Home of Proud Americans," will be undesirably affected by the purchase of the EJ&E railroad by the CN railroad.

I am concerned about the *increased train traffic* through our streets and *air quality* issues.

There are a large number of railway crossings through our subdivisions and roadways. One crossway in particular is adjacent to the school bus transportation center on Schoolhouse Road. This will cause significant delays in transporting our unusually high number of school children to and from school each day. Our busses are already carrying a heavy workload on a tight schedule. You see, our town has four grade school campuses, each campus contains two buildings housing 1-3 graders and 4-6 graders separately. We also have two separate Kindergarten buildings and two separate Jr. High school buildings (7-8 graders) on opposite ends of town. Additionally, we have two separate high school campuses. The Lincoln-way transportation center transports every child to each of these schools daily.

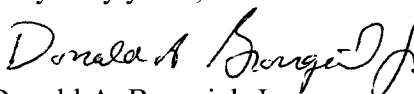
Many children ride bicycles or walk to school and have to cross railroad tracks on their way to and from school each day.

My second concern is for air quality. Presently, we gratefully breath clean, fresh country air. Many families have relocated to New Lenox to escape air pollution in and around Chicago for the health of our children. It is our hope that this will continue in the future as well.

I beg you, please take my concerns for the children and citizens of New Lenox into consideration and recommend a **NO** vote to the CN so we can continue to uphold New Lenox as the Home of Proud Americans.

Thank you very much for taking your valuable time to read my letter.

Very truly yours,


Donald A. Brongiel, Jr.