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Frankfort, IL 60423
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Phyllis Johnson Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423
Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

To The STB:

Please do not allow the Canadian National Railroad to buy the EJE because it will be deleterious to my safety and the safety of the entire Frankfort Community. Emergency medical equipment such as ambulances, police and fire equipment will be unable to get to my home and Chelsea Elementary school, which is a little less than one mile west of my home. We have 6 at grade crossings and the proposed 28 trains a day that are up to 2 miles in length will block all six at the same time. Only La Grange Avenue has an overhead railroad bed, but during heavy rain, that street is flooded and impassible.

I live about one block south of the EJE tracks, and a few miles East of the tracks. I am also concerned about the fact that hazardous materials will also be coming through the community. The fire department has stations North and West of the tracks, so if there is an emergency in my neighborhood or at Chelsea Elementary school, emergency vehicles will be detained while these 2 mile trains go thru the grade crossings. Can we risk the lives of these third, fourth, and fifth graders? We have grade centers rather than neighborhood schools, and there are approximately 11 or 12 sections of each grade level, or about 1000 students.

Please consider the quality of life for ALL of the communities involved in this sale. The CN is all about the bottom line: profits. They have already said that they will not be paying for overhead rail crossing. You must be there to help the most important bottom line: the lives of our children!

Sincerely,




Barbara L. and William J. Boucek