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Phillis Johnson-Ball
STB Finance Docket No. 35087
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

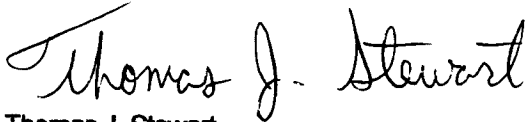
As residents in the Enclave Community in Plainfield, Illinois, my family would like to oppose the acquisition of EJ&E Rail Line by the Canadian National Railway Corporation.

My wife and I must take the I-55 Expressway to work each day. To reach this highway, we have two choices of routes. The first route requires us to make a left hand turn on to an I-55 on-ramp. This turn requires us to cross in front of traffic that is exiting I-55 at a high rate of speed as well as traffic that is entering I-55 at a high rate of speed. As I have two small children, 1 and 3, I don't feel that this route is very safe.

The second route requires us to cross a set of railroad tracks three times in the city of Plainfield. Often times, we are stopped by train traffic at one of these crossings. Sometimes these trains stop completely on the tracks for up to 10 minutes. This can cause severe backups, especially at the set of tracks that are near the Route 59 and Rt. 126 intersection. Rt. 59 is the main North-South road through Plainfield, and Rt. 126 is the main road that provides access for most of Plainfield's residents to I-55 (the same entryway mentioned above). These traffic back-ups caused by the trains can impact emergency vehicles, police cars, and school buses. Also, I have seen on more than one occasion people driving around the crossing gates, not wanting to have to wait in case the train stopped.

Therefore, we are opposed to the proposed acquisition of EJ&E Rail Line by the Canadian National Railway Corporation. Please give my family's concerns your utmost consideration. Thank You.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Stewart