

U.S. Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Attn: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms Johnson-Ball,

I am writing this letter to express my concerns on the impending sale of the EJ&E rail line to Canadian National (CN). As a homeowner in Plainfield, IL approximately one block from the rail line, my main concern is the detrimental impact on the quality of life for my family and those in my community. My main concern is the increase in pollution, noise, vibration, traffic, and the significant increase in hazardous shipments proposed by CN.

CN officials have made statements that the communities along the rail line don't have much of a case since the railroad was there first. I agree the railroad was there first, but the decision to settle and purchase a home in the area was based on the current rail traffic in the area. CN is proposing a significant increase in rail traffic, which completely changes the situation. I believe the residents in these communities have a right to expect CN to address all our concerns. Just because a residential street was in place before I purchased my home does not give the city the right to put in a super highway just because "the street was there first".

As a resident that will be greatly affected by this purchase, I expect CN to be a good neighbor and provide solutions to our concerns. Overpasses, underpasses, updating crossings for quite zones, and sound walls to protect residential housing are the least CN could do with the 100 million dollars marked for improvements. More importantly, the STB needs to ensure pollution and hazardous shipments are carefully controlled and monitored to ensure the health and safety of my family and the residents of all the communities along the rail line.

I hope the STB carefully considers this sale and makes the proper decision to protect the health and well-being of all residents directly and indirectly affected by this transaction. I greatly appreciate your time in listening to my concerns.

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