

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

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 35087
Proposed Acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad by Canadian National

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

I am a resident of Frankfort, and I am formally **opposing** the proposed Canadian National Railway acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad.

I recently moved to Frankfort Illinois from Schererville Indiana. When we looked at homes in Frankfort, we fell in love with one particular home, which we purchased. This home is just a few blocks from the railroad and we are well aware of impact that this proposed purchase by CNR of the EJ& E Railroad. I am in full support of the use of trains as a method of transporting materials, goods, fuels, etc. throughout the United States and beyond, however, if this purchase is allowed it will potentially have a negative impact to surrounding homes, businesses and community centers.

More concerning is the noise of not only the train itself but also the required numerous horn blows as it approaches crossings. The staggering amount of trains that are proposed to utilize these tracks will put everyone near or around these tracks in jeopardy specifically with the items that these trains will be hauling. Can you guarantee none of their routes will include any toxic, flammable or harmful materials? The odds of a spill or accidental leak dramatically increase with the amount of added trains being put on the route. "Will the STB ensure that the final environmental impact study addresses the significant negative environmental impact to our community?"

I am going under the assumption that you are not turning a 'blind eye' to not only environmental issues, increase in costs to taxpayers, added traffic congestion (to an already congested area) and issues with emergency response in relation to the purchase of this railway, but that you are doing your due diligence in investigating what is in the best interest of those businesses, homes, churches, community centers, parks and people who live along this railway.

I thank you for your time in reading this letter and strongly oppose the proposed Canadian National Railway acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad.

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon DeGroot