

September 22, 2008

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

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Ms. Johnson-Ball;

I strongly oppose the proposed acquisition of the EJ&E Railway by Canadian National (CN) Railway. CN, a foreign owned billion dollar company, stands to be the sole beneficiary in this business deal that will cost local governments and American citizens hard earned tax dollars to fund the changes needed to towns and roadways should this merger be approved. There are several concerns to the safety and well being of the citizens of my home-town and neighboring communities, not to mention my family and close friends.

The fact that the very successful Canadian corporation will be bringing deterioration to our home structures and land values, traffic congestion, harmful fumes, more hazardous materials, and frequent accidents to all the communities along the intended path, it would be a sound suggestion that they take this rail system 50 miles to the south and west where there is open land and less population.

I would like to believe the safety of our children, local schools and those in need of medical assistance should be of some concern to the government. **The health and safety of U.S. citizens should by far outweigh the benefits of this foreign-owned railroad mogul who will be the ONLY one to benefit from this merger.**

Thank you for your time,

