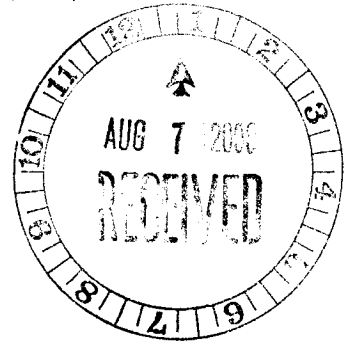


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July 23, 2008

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-001

Docket #35087

Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation-Control-EJ &E West Company

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

I live in a home in a nice neighborhood where I listen to the whistles, roar and vibration of the freight trains that pass nearby everyday. I use Liberty Street on a daily basis to travel east where I sometimes sit and wait for a slow-moving freight train to pass. Now due to the potential sale of the railway to a Canadian firm the noise, congestion and waiting will increase significantly.

I am a retired elementary librarian so my real concern is not with me but with the small children who live in my neighborhood. Our neighborhood houses an elementary school that is only a small distance from the railroad tracks, and our children play outside each day when the weather allows. What kind of situation are we creating for them?

1. More hazardous material will pass by daily.
2. Last year a young woman was killed at the Liberty Street railway crossing, and her young children barely escaped injury. How many additional accidents will occur when rail traffic increases?
3. To avoid being delayed by trains drivers will need to divert to more heavily traveled streets to travel east adding to delays and congestion.
4. The city of Aurora is striving to establish a quiet zone, and this sale could well put this zone at risk.
5. Much effort and expense has been invested in an attempt to create a suburban transit line to reduce congestion in the region. The increased use of the tracks by Canadian National Railway will put this project in jeopardy.
6. The long-term effects of increased noise pollution on children are a concern.

I oppose the purchase of the railway by Canadian Railway, and I hope that you will consider the effects on a community when you make a decision.

Sincerely,

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