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September 25, 2008

Attention Surface Transportation Board,

We are writing to express our family's vehement opposition to the proposed acquisition of EJ&E Railway by CN Railway.

We were horrified to learn of the expected impact of the acquisition on New Lenox residents:

- If the deal is approved, New Lenox will see a fourfold increase in freight train traffic on the EJ&E
- There are five grade crossings in New Lenox and more than one could be blocked at one time, hampering emergency vehicles and causing traffic congestion
- The draft Environmental Impact Statement, however, found no harmful impacts for New Lenox
- The CN is not willing to discuss negotiating with the village to pay for separating at least some of the grade crossings

We support the Village in their denouncement of this deal.

It is completely unacceptable that this acquisition would be permitted without any accountability from CN for fair resolution of the above stated complications ---- which are very serious concerns for New Lenox residents, including our family.

The STB must force CN to provide satisfactory solutions for the long term OR deny this acquisition. This deal cannot be permitted as it stands today.

We trust STB will do their job and protect New Lenox residents.

Sincerely,

**Dean and Cheryl Reber
New Lenox, IL**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dean and Cheryl Reber". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with the first names being more prominent than the last name.