

September 21, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
395 E St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

I am respectfully writing you today to disapprove the proposed acquisition of EJ&J railway by the Canadian National Railway. This move greatly endangers those who reside in the Frankfort and New Lenox, IL area as it calls for more trains, longer trains, and 600 percent more hazardous materials being transported through our communities. On top of that, they expect us the taxpayers, to pay for the bridges or overpasses that would have to be built to accommodate this decision. A decision that ultimately would take jobs away from Americans on the west coast that work in the ports and help subsidize the transportation of products made in China, making U.S. manufacturers less competitive. This is just the sort of move that America and Illinois DOES NOT NEED.

Ms. Johnson-Ball, please take the time, along with your colleagues, to review this acquisition by CNR and do the right thing by blocking such a move as there are enough problems in the world today without this being added to the list. My hope is to remain living in a community that is safe for its residents.

I greatly appreciate your attention in this matter and am confident that you and the Surface Transportation Board can disapprove this transaction.

Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely,


Tammy Bowers