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Warrenville, IL 60555

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Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson – Ball:

I am a resident of Warrenville for over 11 years, and have been paying close attention to the purchase of the EJ&E Rail Road by CN. I am aware that the City has met with a representative from the railroad three times to address resident concerns of those living so close to the tracks. It is by recent articles published, that the train traffic would increase over 70% and more hazardous waste would be carried through our City.

The potential environmental impact related to the transportation of hazardous materials is of great concern to our subdivision, which is adjacent to the EJ&E railroad. Many concerns have been addressed with regards to the negative impact it will have on our community, but this is one concern that may have slipped through the cracks. Currently, there is a gas pipeline that runs directly under our existing tracks. This pipeline carries hazardous liquids. If this sale gets approved, what type of contingency plans does the CN have if the pipeline should rupture, and cause a catastrophic effect on our property, wild life and personal life? It seems to me that a train that may carry toxic and hazardous materials over the existing tracks that has a gas pipeline under it is not in the best interest for Warrenville.

Should you require further information my phone number is 630/231-9267

Sincerely,

Jim Ahlborn

cc: Bill Foster, U.S. Representative – 14th District