

Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball

September 25, 2008

Surface Transportation Board

395 E Street, SW

Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

I am writing to express my opposition to the prospective acquisition of the EJ&E line by Canadian National Railway. I believe that the negative impact this proposed transaction will have on our local communities is immense. The increased number of longer and faster freight trains running through our neighborhoods will result in:

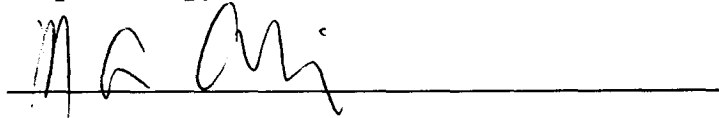
- More accidents and deaths along the rail line
- An increase in automobile traffic gridlock at rail crossings
- Elevated pollution and noise levels
- Dangerously longer response times of our Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Teams
- Disruption and/or closure of local business activities
- Adverse impact on our property values

We recently had a fire department response in our sub-division which was, fortunately, a false alarm. However the responders needed to cross the very tracks in order to respond, tracks that will be permanently affected by the purchase, if allowed to proceed.

At a time when overseers and regulators have failed miserably to protect the well being of Americans, you have the chance to protect our taxpaying citizens against the profiteering of a foreign entity.

Please do not let us be "railroaded" by Canadian National. We are hopeful that you will make the decision to vote against this acquisition and to help keep our communities safe for us and our children.

Respectfully,



M. G. Crnkovic

Wayne, IL., U.S.A.