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To: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
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Surface Transportation Board:

This letter is in regards to the railway service on Route 176 in the Rondout area, which is between Libertyville and Lake Bluff. There are 3 railway crossings less than 300 yards apart on Route 176. (See the enclosed highlighted map) The Canadian National owns 2 of the services, and intend on buying the E J & E.

There is a paving contractor that has railway cars amounting to 2000 or more cars that get delivered to their yard throughout the paving season from the E J & E Railway.

If the Canadian National buys the E J & E relocates all the freight traffic to that line, the traffic in Rondout would be horrendous. Everyone seems to be so concerned about the traffic in the Barrington area. They should come and visit the Rondout area where there is one lane in each direction. Traffic backups are a normal everyday occurrence with 3 railways in the area. I live 2 miles away from the office where I work in Rondout, and there has been times that, instead of 3 minutes getting to work, it has taken 45 minutes. As I stated, this is an everyday occurrence. I can only wonder what would happen if the E J & E was sold, and the freight service would pass through Rondout!

Sincerely,



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