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Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: STB Finance Docket No 35087
Proposed Acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad by Canadian National

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

I am a resident of New Lenox and I formally **oppose** the proposed Canadian National Railway acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad.

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, school buses, and causing traffic congestion.

If the CN purchase of the EJ&E is allowed to proceed, the impact to surrounding schools, churches and neighborhoods will have devastating consequences. The sound and vibration of thundering, fuming freight trains every 51 minutes will be felt for miles along these tracks. The noise and most concerning, the increased risk of a toxic spill due to the 600% spike in harmful chemicals hauling through town at 45 miles per hours begs the question, "Will the STB ensure that the final environmental impact study address the significant negative environmental impact to our community?"

Therefore, I strongly **oppose** the planned sale of the EJ&E to the CN.

Sincerely

Thomas P. Wills