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Ms. Victoria Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
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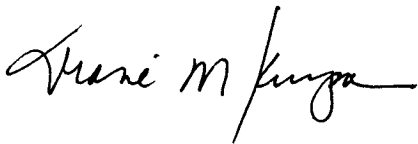
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Re: STB Docket number 35087

Ms. Rutson,

As a 16-year resident of Hawthorn Woods, I would like to take this opportunity to express my opposition to the proposed purchase of the EJ&E railroad by Canadian National. The increase in the number of trains will cause further traffic congestion, pose a serious safety risk to children and the school buses that transport them, increase the noise level and conceivably could prevent any emergency personnel, i.e., police, fire and rescue vehicles, from responding to emergencies in our community. The increase in the trains will not benefit our rural village, rather it will hinder the esthetic appeal, decrease our property values and also harm the environment. Please use your influence to protect the residents of Hawthorn Woods and the surrounding communities and block this dangerous acquisition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane M. Krupa".

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