

September 28, 2008

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 writing to express my **opposition** to the prospective acquisition of the EJ&E line by Canadian National Railway. The negative impact this proposed transaction will have on our local communities is immense. I must therefore strongly voice my concerns and impress upon all members their duty to seriously consider these negative impacts and the ripple effects that will no doubt result from supporting such an acquisition. The increased number of longer and faster freight trains running through our neighborhoods & backyards will result in:

- More accidents and deaths along the rail line
- An increase in automobile traffic gridlock at rail crossings
- Negative bearing on local esthetics and historical preservation
- Dangerous environmental and economic impedance
- 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
- Deterrent to new business investment and economic development
- Adverse impact on our property values

Additionally, recent studies by RTA have revealed that a potential overcrowding of the EJ&E lines will also interfere with commuter METRA train lines affecting our ability to get to and from our workplaces in a timely manner.

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 for future generations.

Respectfully yours,



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