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Phyllis Johnson-Ball
Safety Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
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Dear Mrs. Johnson-Ball,

I would like to voice my **opposition** to the Canadian National Railway Company acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company. I am also **opposed** to CN leasing or using the EJ&E Rail lines, should this acquisition fail.

The added train traffic will cause additional noise and air pollution, which negatively affects the surrounding population, but more seriously **the safety issue is of a huge concern.**

#1 With **all** the high schools in the Frankfort, Mokena and New Lenox area being on the North side of the tracks, it is only a matter of time before kids are killed trying to beat the train.

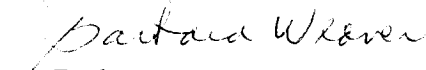
#2 The length of the trains will tie up traffic, not only on the streets perpendicular to the tracks, but also on streets parallel where cars that can not turn, get backed up. These sitting cars emit more pollution in addition to the train's pollution. These drivers are going to have the temptation to try and beat the trains because of the frustration additional trains cause.

#3 Most importantly, emergency vehicles will be unable to reach their destination, which also will result in a loss of life.

Do not try to appease the taxpayers by saying that CN will pay for grade differential, **THIS IS LIKE CLOSING THE BARN DOOR AFTER THE HORSE IS OUT.** Unless these are built before the first train of Canadian National rolls down the track, it isn't going to happen. CN is the one making the profit which is benefiting Canada **NOT** the United States, **make them pay.** Why should I suffer a tax increase when my taxes are 3.5 times higher than when I lived in Chicago.

I hope you, Charles Nottingham, Francis Mulvey, and W.Douglas Buttrey will take into consideration the people this acquisition will **negatively effect and vote NO.**

Sincerely,


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