

September 19, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
STB Finance Docket No. 35087
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

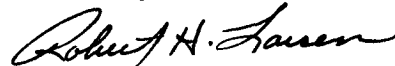
I am a concerned homeowner here in Joliet and I am worried about the proposed idea of The Canadian National Railway Corporation taking over the EJ&E railroad. Its impact on this area will be devastating. I grew up in Plainfield and moved from there when the population starting getting bigger and bigger. It was a small town where everyone knew everyone else. The trains that run through it all those years ago were a big inconvenience to those of us who lived there and if this sale goes through, I think it will destroy this town. Since I still do business and some recreation in Plainfield, it will still affect me directly.

The safety issue is another thing. I can't imagine being in an ambulance sitting at the railroad crossing waiting for "another train" to go by. We don't have many options for getting into Joliet, which contains the nearest hospital.

People use Plainfield as a jumping off place to go to work. How many delays will this cause people? Will their jobs be safe if they are continually late?

Please, if you can do anything to help stop this atrocity, I would be sincerely grateful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert H. Larsen".

Robert H. Larsen
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