

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 currently a resident of Frankfort, IL and I am formally opposing the proposed acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad by Canadian National Railway.

The rail line runs behind my house and has not been any kind of problem as we only have 4-5 trains that pass by each day. With the proposed acquisition, we could have as many as 30 trains passing our house each day. The environmental impact on our community would be overwhelming with the increased sound as well as harmful chemicals being hauled through our community each and every day.

More importantly, for my family, is the fact that my 13-year old daughter has Type 1 diabetes. Emergency response is always on the forefront of our minds knowing that at any time of the day or night, our daughter could need emergency care. If our child goes into insulin shock, minutes are of the utmost importance and could be a matter of life or death. With so many trains per day, emergency vehicles will be forced to wait for the passing trains rather than saving lives.

In addition, the cost to US taxpayers would be staggering and in this fragile economy, more than we could bear. CN is clearly not willing to spend what is needed on infrastructure improvements along the rail line. Personally, we are very concerned on how this will affect our home value and those around us. The economic impact to Frankfort would be devastating and would greatly affect our beautiful community.

Please consider the impact to all of us along the EJ&E line when making your final decision.

Thank you for your time,

Rita Spiroff
586 Aberdeen Road
Frankfort, IL 60423

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rita A. Spiroff", is written over the typed name and address.