

September 18, 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. I strongly feel that the negative impact this proposed transaction will have on our local communities is immense.

I live in Plainfield, IL, where the vehicular traffic conditions at Rtes. 30 and 59 already is beyond the capacity of the roadways. If this proposed acquisition were to proceed, the Village of Plainfield would become completely impassable during peak traffic conditions. In addition, and most importantly, the safety concerns related to placing this kind of traffic volume in areas not designed to allow for such traffic would inevitably result in people's lives being sacrificed in exchange for dollars in the pockets of the CN ownership.

The increased number of longer and faster freight trains running through our neighborhoods will result in:

- More accidents and deaths along the rail line
- An increase in automobile traffic gridlock at rail crossings
- 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
- 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,

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