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Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

As residents of New Lenox, IL, we, the undersigned, are absolutely, unequivocally AGAINST the CN acquisition of the EJ&E railroad.

Canadian National Railroad wants to increase their profits at the expense of the people of New Lenox, and many other towns along the tracks in Illinois. And yet, they don't want, and don't feel that it is necessary, to bear some of the financial burden that would be required to secure rail crossings, build overpasses, etc.

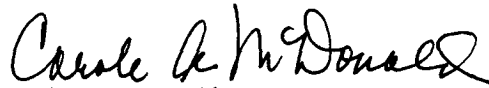
What the CN railroad is proposing -- increasing train traffic to at least 28 trains a day -- is completely unacceptable. Before the recent economy slow-down, New Lenox was booming, and most of the new construction of single-family homes has been SOUTH of the EJ&E railroad tracks. Hospitals, however, are NORTH of the tracks. Schools that our children attend are NORTH of the tracks. The proposed increased train traffic will make it very difficult to transport our children to school, and the safety of our kids will be put in jeopardy every time they have to cross those tracks. The proposed increased train schedule, and the length of the trains, could cause a single train to conceivably tie up traffic at every one of our north/south streets. How will our ambulances be able to get our residents, in possibly life-threatening injuries or illness, to a hospital? How will our children get to school? Will the police and fire department be able to get to emergencies?

Does Canadian National care?

No, the CN Railroad doesn't think that any of this is their problem. They think that we, the local taxpayers, should bear the burden of their acquisition, paying for any safety improvements or structural enhancements, while they pad their pockets with increased profit. We can't let this happen. We must not reward Canadian National's greed and arrogance by giving in to their demands. Please help us.

NO TO CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILROAD ACQUISITION OF THE EJ&E.

Sincerely,



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