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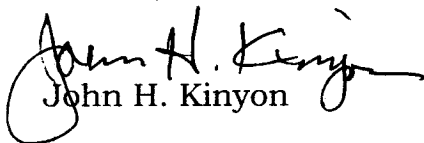
I'm writing to ask that these comments be included in **STB Finance Docket No. 35087**.

I live in Bartlett, IL and am concerned by the plans of the Canadian National Railroad to acquire the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway. For many years, the track through Bartlett has been used for occasional freight traffic, and I understand that with the proposed sale the number of trains, length of trains, and community impact will greatly increase.

Transferring existing freight service of Canadian National to the outer suburbs of Chicago for their convenience does a terrible disservice to these communities. It penalizes emergency services, inordinately delays vehicular traffic, poses an increased hazard to children, disrupts commuter rail service and adds to the deteriorating value of homes in the affected communities.

We strongly urge that the sale be stopped. If that cannot be done, then we urge that Canadian National be required to pay for the elimination of grade crossings particularly at the many arterial highways and Metra crossings as well as the erection of fences and other barriers in the proximity of schools and residences.

Thank you,


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