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

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

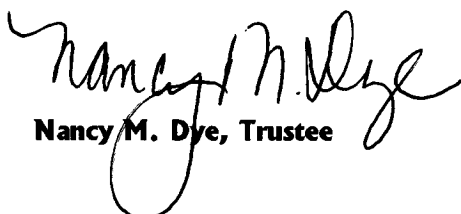
I am writing to ask that the Surface Transportation Board to **DENY** the request from Canadian National ("CN") to acquire the E, J. & E Railroad. There are too many negative impacts to the communities whose train traffic will eliminate the quality of life and ability to receive prompt emergency care. However, if the Surface Transportation Board is compelled to approve the purchase of the E, J & E Railroad to CN it should do so only if CN provides a list of monies that will allocate to those communities who need mitigation options. The funds allocated should be solely born by CN and must include completion dates by which the monies will be allocated. The growing community of New Lenox is one of the communities that definitely is in need of this funding from CN.

As a Trustee who serves on the Village of New Lenox's Board, the approximate 25,000 constituents will be adversely affected by the fact that none of the five at-grade crossings in New Lenox were included in the Draft Environmental Impact Study ("DEIS"). What does this mean to the constituents? An increase in the number of trains potentially means an increase in the number of fatalities. If emergency vehicles cannot get to citizens, their chances of survival are drastically reduced.

I'm only one citizen of countless others who feel CN should bear these costs, particularly in these economic times. If the federal government is assisting financial markets to the tune of \$700 billion dollars, why should it further fund or expect its taxpayers to subsidize a railroad that stands to incur substantial revenues?

I implore the STB to deny CN's request to purchase the E, J & E Railroad unless it funds full improvements to those communities who will experience an increase in the number of trains.

Sincerely,


Nancy M. Dye, Trustee



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