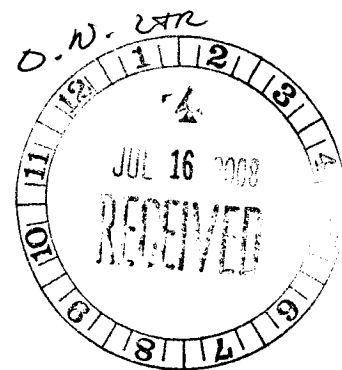


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June 24, 2008

Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
U.S. Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20403-0001

Dear Sir or Madam:

REF: U.S. Surface Transportation Board Finance Docket #35087

I, along with other residents along the current EJ&E railway lines, strongly oppose the acquisition of this line by the Canadian National Railway. The current level of train traffic is acceptable. If this is approved, the traffic will tremendously affect our area in extremely unacceptable ways. We are concerned with elevated noise and air pollution levels, the affect of the traffic on area wildlife, the inability to quickly get to a crisis center in the area due to blocked crossings and the lowering of our home values. I personally passed out flyers door to door in opposition to this move.

When we moved into the neighborhood twelve years ago we quickly became used to the train traffic that we now have. The tracks are directly behind our house. We even learned to embrace the train as a visitor waving by several times a day. We built a deck, landscaped and settled in to our nice quiet neighborhood. We have even planted and take care of the hill that leads up to the train tracks, treating it as part of the neighborhood. We feed birds and protect the wildlife living in the trees on that hill and even the swamp on the other side of those tracks. We have many birds, raccoons, squirrels, deer, skunk, opossum and even coyote that live here.

If this passes where will the animals go? Can the CN prevent air pollution or guarantee that it won't haul hazardous materials? Will we have to look forward to a concrete soundproofing wall flanking our back yard that keeps wildlife out and graffiti in? What happens when the ambulances that routinely travel this area over the tracks and in this area attempt to get to the St. James Hospital on Crawford Avenue a mile away and can't get through because a blocked crossing or re-directed traffic because of long trains? What will CN tell families about the loss of life that will undoubtedly occur because of these delays? Will the CN reimburse us for the decreased value of our homes and for the vibration that cause window loss and settling of or foundations?

PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THIS SALE. COMMENTS TO THE BOARD SHOULD BE ACCEPTED FOR A FULL 120 DAYS TO ALLOW EVERYONE CONCERNED TO WEIGH IN.

Sincerely,

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