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Ms. P. Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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REF: STB Finance Docket No. 35007

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

This letter is to express my animosity 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. 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 vehicle traffic gridlock at rail crossings.
- Elevated noise levels.
- Being located slightly over one mile from these crossings you already hear the horns blaring starting at 5:00 a.m. and is continuous for approximately 6 minutes since I am located a mile from 3 of the crossings.
- Increased pollution.
- Precariously longer response time for Medical Teams.
- Possibility of derailment spilling hazardous materials.
- ✓ This would call for an evacuation of thousands of people; elderly, children, etc.
- Adverse impact on our property values.
- Prolonged school bus service for our children.
- Disruption and/or closure of local business activities.

Additionally, Federal studies by RTA of the EJ&E lines will also interfere with commutes to get to and from our workplaces in a timely manner (which is lengthy now).

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, our children, and future generations.

Respectfully yours,

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