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September 3, 2008

Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20425

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

We have sent E-Mails and have written letters to show our concerns over the purchase of the EJ & E Railroad by the Canadian National Railroad. PLEASE help us save our home. Our home is 112 years old and will probably not withstand the amount of trains that have been predicted to come down the tracks next to our home.

The tracks were not built to handle that amount of train traffic thru these towns. We repaired all of our walls when we purchased our house 10 years ago. Just a short time later the cracks returned due to the trains coming thru now. We are concerned that our foundation will crumble with the vibration from all of the train traffic that is predicted.

As was mentioned at one of the meetings, if Canadian National Railroad asked for a permit to build their tracks where the present tracks are now, surely the permit would be denied because of the effect it would have to everyone along the tracks. We see no difference in a permit for new tracks and letting them run all those trains thru all of the towns now.

So we are pleading with you to help us save our home and all the other homes and towns that this sale will ruin. Millions of people will be affected by this sale and it will not be to our benefit or profit as it will be for Canadian National.

Perhaps Canadian National would like to share some of the millions and perhaps even more that they will be making on this sale, to help us rebuild what they will have ruined.

Please, ask them to take their train out 50 miles where perhaps, it will be able to help the farmers move their products and let the countryside develop around the tracks as all of our towns have done.

Thank you in advance for any help that you can give us in this matter.

Sincerely,

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