

September 11, 2008

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

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

As a resident of New Lenox, IL, a community that will be negatively impacted with the increased number of trains being proposed with the purchase of the EJ&E railroad by the CN railroad, I would like to express my concerns. I understand that the number of trains may exceed 30 trains in the future and that these trains may extend 3 miles in length causing over 20 minute crossing delays.

As father of a 17 month old, my greatest concern is safety. The EJ&E severs my house from all emergency services. I fail to comprehend how enabling a Canadian corporation to bypass rail traffic in Chicago is more important than an American tax payer getting medical attention. Ms. Ball please think of your family while you reduce my family's chance of survival in an emergency.

In an effort to try and counter the negative effects of the CN railroad, our community would be forced to make an endless amount of upgrades and changes to our community infrastructure. We do not have the money, nor do we have the resources to overcome these challenges. If this transaction is allowed, the quality of life for the hundreds of thousands of residents of Will County will be negatively impacted.

Please take my concerns into consideration when you make your recommendation and vote no to the CN.

Sincerely,



Tim Kregul
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