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**Barrington Community
Unit School District 220**

BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

BARRINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Prairie Campus

Station Campus

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Countryside

Grove Avenue

Hough Street

Arnett C. Lines

North Barrington

Barbara B. Rose

Roslyn Road

Sunny Hill

Woodland

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February 12, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached is a resolution from the Barrington Community Unit School District 220 Board of Education in opposition to Canadian National's proposed purchase of the EJ&E Railway.

Thank you for your attention to this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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Surface Transportation Board

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BARRINGTON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 220
BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS 60010

Whereas, Barrington Community Unit School District 220, herein known as “District 220”, serves over 9200 students in Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade and covers 72 square miles geographically, and

Whereas, District 220 employs approximately 1100 staff members, and

Whereas, District 220 is a network of schools sharing administrators, teachers, and support staff as well as the transportation of supplies among schools,

Whereas, the EJ&E railroad crosses seven major thoroughfares within our 72 square mile attendance area, and

Whereas, our school buses cross the EJ&E tracks approximately 800 times per day, including but not limited to transporting students to and from school in the morning and afternoon in both large buses and mini-buses; transporting kindergartners and early childhood students to and from school in the morning, mid-day, and afternoon; transporting athletic teams to and from competitions; transporting students to field trips during the school day; charter trips; and maintenance trips, and

Whereas, access to District 220 facilities is critical throughout the day and night (including weekends) for activities such as extra-curricular, sporting, cultural, and community events, and the sharing of said facilities with District 220 community villages and park districts, and

Whereas, almost any student who walks to Barrington High School (enrollment of over 3,000) must cross the EJ&E tracks, and

Whereas, an increase in the number of trains using said EJ&E tracks would create significant traffic and safety risks for our students, staff, and parents, in car, bus, and foot traffic, and

Whereas, increased train traffic would limit the ability of the police, fire department, and ambulances to reach our schools in emergency situations, and

Whereas, increased train traffic would add critical minutes to the time it takes an ambulance to transport an injured student or staff member to the nearest hospital,

The Board of Education, Barrington Community Unit School District 220, Lake, Cook, Kane, and McHenry Counties, Illinois, does hereby request, based upon significant safety and traffic issues of this transaction, that the acquisition of the EJ&E by Canadian National not be approved and further requests that, should the Surface Transportation Board ultimately approve the acquisition of the EJ&E by Canadian National, it require Canadian National to provide acceptable mitigation that includes a complete plan with full funding for any infrastructure improvements that are required to achieve said mitigation.

PASSED this 5th day of February, 2008.

Barrington Community Unit School District 220

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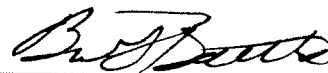
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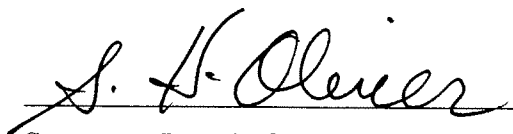
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