

September 13, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
1395 E. Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423
REF: STB Finance Docket #35087

Dear Ms. Ball;

I am writing this letter because I am very concerned about the Canadian National's acquisition of the E. J. & E. Railroad.

The using of the E. J. & E. Railway will dramatically impact the safety, congestion and travel for many children, residents, school employees, businesses and emergency vehicles.

Currently six trains come through the town daily. (over a 24 hr. period). I counted an average of 60 cars per train.

The CN Railway wants to increase the trains to minimum of 30 per day plus increase the length to stretch 2-3 miles in length. There are no under or over passes to help with the congestion.

The Silver Cross Hospital is located on Route 6 in Joliet. They are planning a new hospital at Route 6 and 355.

This would be located on the north end of town. I can go on and on about the major problems caused by this

acquisition.

Please rethink about what impact this would have on thousands of Americans in all the communities involved. There has got to be another way to handle this situation.

I would like to thank you for letting me write my concerns and at least reading my letter.

Sincerely
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