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Ms Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing
STB Finance Docket Number 35087
Surface Transportation Board
395 East Street SW
Washington DC 20423

SUBJECT--> Possible Acquisition of EJ&E Rail Way Line by Canadian National

Dear Ms Johnson-Ball,

Per our Village of Barrington Illinois website, the residents of this beautiful Barrington town are welcome to contact you regarding the possible acquisition of the EJ&E rail line by the Canadian National Railway company.

We (The Barney Family) are home-owning residents of Barrington for over 15 years, and parents of three (3) young children. My husband and I lovingly chose to reside in Barrington to raise our family. Upon learning of the possible rail line acquisition above, we were deeply saddened and concerned. Under the current situation, the train lines are already very noisy in the middle of the night, as massive and lengthy trains come barreling through Barrington, blowing their horns at a frequent interval, seeming to us that their intentions are to rudely awaken this whole town! A four hundred percent (400%) increase in daily train traffic (as reported by Canadian National) would be devastating to our family life, and we believe all families here feel the same way as we do. This rail line travels through multiple major roadways, AND through the heart of our precious town. The presence of Canadian National (CN) in Barrington would paralyze us all, and not exclusively in regards to:

- 1 Safety of Barrington's children being compromised on route to school or parks
- 2 Flow of roadway traffic being halted at the many railway intersections, at a 400% daily increase
- 3 Noise pollution being intolerable
- 4 Toxic fumes injecting poisons into our air we breathe
- 5 Emergency vehicles unable to arrive swiftly at our Barrington hospital, at a fire, an accident, or crime scene

In mentioning merely the few points above, aren't these already enough issues to persuade you and your colleagues at STB to prevent the CN Railway company from purchasing this EJ&E rail lines?

We are completely against the above-mentioned acquisition, and we hope you and your colleagues at STB are as well, intending not to approve the potential acquisition by CN.

We thank you very much for your time and consideration, Ms Johnson-Ball.

Sincerely Yours,

The Barney Family

