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

Ref: STB Finance Report # 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball

My name is Arlene Davis and I am a resident of New Lenox, IL. It's a wonderful, growing, close community. The CNRR wants to split in half. It would be devastating, dangerous and unhealthy.

It would be devastating in that it would be splitting the community, making it difficult to say the least, to get to their destination on time. Jobs, schools, sports, getting to your children. And emergencies the most important would be affected. A town would be deadlocked. Worse than any

thing - an emergency on the other side of the tracks that impacts even one person is unacceptable.

Dangerous - We are getting to hear almost on a daily basis somewhere in the U.S., a tragedy regarding R.R. One of our High Schools is adjacent to the tracks - not what you want to see - more trains.

Unhealthy - Would toxic materials be part of their cargo? - We don't want it. What chemicals are involved just to power the trains through town.

Not healthy either.

Canadian National wants to purchase Joliet's E J & E Railroad. As I previously mentioned it would be devastating and most certainly financially burdening in our town.

Big business is continually burdening our citizens. They should add track out in the country where

there aren't any homes. If we don't want to live near their tracks we won't. They make millions they can add track away from New Lenox. The homeowners are struggling in many cases just to stay in their homes.

I moved to New Lenox 20 years ago. It was so nice to see, corn and bean fields and horses and cows. We've grown since and now have many roof tops eliminating open land. We moved from the city to have what we have not accomodate many trains per day.

Many agencies do not work in favor of the "little guy" I am imploring you, begging you to vote NO to C.N. American citizens should not have to deal with inequities of a "foreign" company.

Sincerely,

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