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The Honorable Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-001

September 19, 2008

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 35087
Proposed Acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad by Canadian National

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

We are residents of New Lenox, IL and are formally **opposing** the proposed Canadian National Railway acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad.

The noise and increased risk of a toxic spill due to the 600% increase in harmful chemicals hauling through town at 45 miles per hour puts our community at risk. Will the STB ensure that the final environmental impact study addresses the significant negative environmental impact to our community?

The \$40 million CN has proposed to spend on road improvements is a drop in the bucket. Who will pay for the rest of the underpasses, overpasses grade separations and improvements that will be needed to support projected population grow. Who will pay for the anticipated decline in property values? If the STB approves this transaction, then CN should be required to pay not the American taxpayers.

Considering CN's reluctance to implement Canadian safety measures, does the STB expect CN to honor US safety requirements? Please give CN's safety record your utmost priority when considering this purchase.

Respectfully submitted,



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