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

Subject: STD Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

I am writing this letter to voice my concern about the proposed acquisition of the EJ&E railway by the CN. I am against this proposal for a couple of different reasons. Number one is that I am the maintenance manager at a senior living community and I frequently need to go into Barrington to purchase parts to keep critical components of Our building, such as heating and air conditioning, up and running. Number two, some of our residents are on special need equipment, such as oxygen breathers and heart monitoring machines. Time is often not a luxury. I feel with all the added train traffic, this CN proposal would create, could cause major delays in getting the parts I need as I have to cross the train tracks at least 2 or 3 times. Traffic is already congested enough without adding to it with more trains. Especially freight trains.

Thank You for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard Houck  
Maintenance Manager  
Barrington Horizon Senior Living Community