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Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

RE: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation-Control – EJ&E West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35087)

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

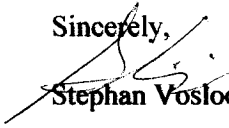
My wife and I have lived in Warrenville for over 2 years. We chose our townhome in the Maple Hill subdivision specifically because it was serene and quiet area that could provide peace and quiet while still being close to our places of employment. However, this tranquility is now in jeopardy with the potential purchase of the EJ&E Railroad by Canadian National. My wife and I attended a recent meeting sponsored by my townhome association's board; the mayor of Warrenville and two aldermen were present at this meeting. They explained the City's concerns, as well as potential changes to railroad traffic should the purchase take place.

I am greatly concerned about several things, as our townhome is within 200 yards of EJ&E's train line.

- Personally, I do a lot of freelance work out of my townhome and it requires detailed computer manipulations, as well as intense quiet so I can concentrate without interruption. My work has the potential to be greatly disturbed by the increased decibel levels and ground vibrations the CN would bring.
- Environmentally, I feel the surrounding wildlife on Maple Hill's federally protected lands, Fermilab's land, and surrounding forest preserves' lands would be greatly impacted. I am curious as to how this concern is being addressed. I have heard that the CN has allocated \$40 million dollars to make improvements, however with one community utilizing one eighth of these monies, there is nowhere near enough leftover to meet the needs of people and wildlife along impacted areas.
- Beside my work being affected, I believe the quality of life of other animals and people all along the railway will be negatively impacted.

Because of my concerns, I greatly oppose this transaction and ask that the Surface Transportation Board considers the severe impacts on local citizens and denies this request. Should you require further information, please feel free to contact me at 630.450.5853.

Sincerely,



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