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Ms. Phyllis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 East Street SW
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Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

I am writing this letter regarding Ref. STB Finance Docket No. 35087. I have already contacted Ms. Anne K. Quinlan regarding this issue and have enclosed the letter I sent to her.

I have also contacted my local state representative Tom Cross, as well as Congress Woman Judy Biggert regarding the rail issue in the Plainfield, IL. Community.

My reason to contact you is due to information the village sent out listing possible avenues of contact for this matter, and your position was listed as one of those persons.

The enclosed letter is pretty self explanatory, however it is imperative that you and anyone associated with this Rail acquisition understand what a **tremendous impact** this action will take on my and other communities involved.

It's not just a "traffic" situation. The greater picture affect quality of life, safety, and home value. The last being such a huge issue in today's housing market.

So I hope you and all involved in this matter will try to place yourself in a personal view when reviewing this possible sale of our rail access.

If I can be of any further help regarding this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me. All my information is at the top of this letter head.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,



Karla Buongiorno

Per the website it was advised to make 10 copies when submitting this letter. I have done so and hope it is not an unnecessary action.

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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
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Dear Ms. Quinlan,

The reason for this letter is to hopefully express my feelings and the feelings of many of the residents and business people of Plainfield, Illinois regarding the potential train traffic in the community. As I'm sure you are aware, there is a bid to purchase the existing train travel by a Canadian company for the use and ownership of our tracks in our community for the purpose of freight travel.

I can only go by the information I get through our local paper, but it paints a very grim picture of what Plainfield will have to deal with on a daily basis if this acquisition takes place.

I know Congresswoman Judy Biggert has already been to our community to experience first hand what will be created if this goes through, and even she was concerned.

My effort in this letter is to give you the perspective of the resident's burden of this situation.

Plainfield is a very growing community. I personally moved to the area 10 years ago, and have seen incredible growth in that short time, with much more to come.

Plainfield is laid out with many angular streets. The train tracks cross MANY of the main streets into and out of the community. It is not with exaggeration that I tell you it is very common for any car at any time to cross at least 2 of the train tracks just to get out to the main thoroughfares. This would include schools, down town Plainfield, fire stations, police stations, post office, not to mention housing subdivisions.

Just yesterday, August 4th, I sat at a rail crossing on Route 126 (a main street into and out of Plainfield) at 7:15 am, with a STOPPED freight train for 15 minutes only to then encounter the SAME freight train at another crossing (Route 30) a second main street.

We are told by the reports we read that our train traffic would increase by 300% if this plan goes through. Now I know there has been talk about over or underpasses built, but by all accounts this idea is being only addressed to 3 possible crossings. I also have great concern as to WHOM that burden of that expense would lie. There are 6 crossings within a 3 mile radius of my home alone. And they do tend to cross each other.

I can't even begin to imagine this rail traffic during rush hours, school buses, and God forbid, emergency vehicles!

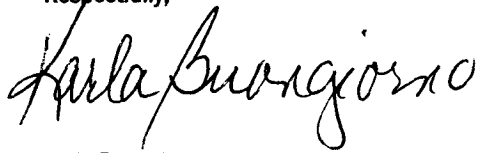
I won't even begin to address the impact on home sales and the interest or lack of businesses to open in our

growing community, if this takes place!

I hope you will take the time to review this matter and digest the information as a resident of a community and not look at it as a business transaction . Sometimes we just have to do the right thing for the good of the residents and businesses. I can't see how this purchase would improve the life of anyone involved, working or living in Plainfield, Illinois.

I thank you for taking the time to read this letter. If there is anything I can do to help you have a better understanding of this situation, please don't hesitate to contact me at any of the above addresses or phone numbers. If I can't answer your questions, I will find someone who can!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karla Buongiorno". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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