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

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms Johnson-Ball,

It is my plea to you to deny Canadian National's request to purchase E J & E Railroad. I strongly feel that this would impact our village, as well as many others in a negative way.

I grew up and lived in Dolton, Illinois, for over forty years, a village that has a multitude of trains running through it. While selfishly, I admit that it was a gross inconvenience to drive just about anywhere in Dolton and Riverdale, IL, there are very unselfish reasons that I make my plea.

I have seen many frustrated drivers go around gates, I have seen children walking home from school and adults waiting for halted trains climb between train cars or through train cars to get by a train. I have watched fire trucks and medical squads wait to get through, or try to get a train separated in order to aid those in emergency situations. I have listened to my husband, a firefighter of 35 years in Dolton, agonize over time his crews have lost over getting to a fire or a person in serious medical need because of the many trains that flow through this area.

There are so many materials moved via rail these days it is frightening what may come through our town. E J & R will be moving hazardous material through heavily populated areas and close to schools full of children multiple times a day. This is very scary.

As a citizen of New Lenox, I implore you to consider this issue and to look beyond the financial profit and loss of this endeavor and see the human profit and loss that this may cause to all of us in New Lenox, IL.

Respectfully submitted,

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