

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

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

This has reference to the proposed acquisition of the EJ&E Railway by the Canadian National Railway.

As Frankfort, IL. residents, living within 1/8 of a mile from the EJ&E tracks, my wife and I would like to add a few comments from our perspective and voice our vehement opposition to the proposed acquisition. Frankfort is a lovely and charming community which will be rendered an environmental catastrophe if the acquisition is approved.

Property values will fall as well, especially for those of us living within earshot of the tracks. Had we known 14 years ago what we know today, we would have definitely not built here. The residents living around the CN's current location knew full well the environment in which they were buying. The presence of the railroad had already been factored into their property values.

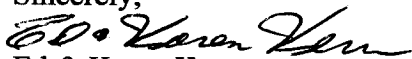
Being senior citizens, the delay in response time of emergency vehicles is most troubling. Parents with school age children are troubled as well as many of our schools are located within close proximity to the tracks.

We are under attack by terrorists groups from around the world. If this acquisition is approved, does this mean that we could lose control of the inspection process of many containers entering the U.S.? This is a frightening thought!

On a patriotic theme, we strongly oppose the further acquisition of an AMERICAN railroad by a FOREIGN company. The CN's argument is that "it will allow for a more efficient transportation system which will affect the cost of goods ultimately to the consumer." This is pure folly and an insult to our intelligence. The real reason is that it will improve their bottom line benefiting them and their shareholders at the expense of Frankfort residents. Worse yet, it will give them a competitive advantage over U.S. railroads and U.S. West Coast ports.

When are we as a nation going to wake up and stop exporting our jobs and wealth? We need to draw the line somewhere. We have multiple reasons to draw the line here. My wife and I respectfully ask that you rule in favor of AMERICANS, not FOREIGNERS. Please let us keep Frankfort the lovely and charming community it has become.

Sincerely,



Ed & Karen Kern

Cc: Village of Frankfort