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Dear U. S. Surface Transportation Board,

Please deny the U. S. Surface Transportation Board Finance Docket No. 35087. This docket refers to the proposed purchase of the E J & E Railroad by Canadian National Railroad. Canadian National Railroad will increase dramatically the number of trains which cross through Plainfield everyday. When the trains head northeast, the train comes to a complete stop so that they engineer can get out of the train engine and manually switch the train rails. The train is completely stopped for 10 minutes when this happens. This creates unbelievable congestion as no vehicles, including emergency vehicles, can move. Please come to our town and see what the traffic & train congestion is like. When Canadian National will be pulling their long freight trains thru Plainfield, 15 streets in the village will be blocked. There is only one above grade crossing in Plainfield. Is Canadian National willing to pay for the installation of above grade crossings? These railroad crossings will be blocked for long periods of time. This will effectively deny me my right to 911 services as the ambulances and fire trucks can not cross the train tracks when the train blocks it. Also, how much toxic chemical waste will Canadian National be moving past my street? Please do not destroy the value of my property by turning my street into a train terminal. Would you like this to happen to your street? Please represent the Plainfield tax payers in this matter and deny the purchase of the E J & E Railroad by Canadian National Railroad. Please help us and deny docket No. 35087 from being passed. Please represents the citizens of Plainfield, IL USA – Not Canada!

A fellow taxpayer,

Ronald Varley