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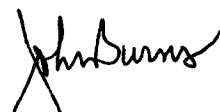
To: Phyllis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
Ref: STB Finance Docket NO. 35087

I am writing to urge you to reject the Canadian National acquisition of the EJ&E line in the Chicago area. If the sale is approved, as many as 20 trains could pass through this area every day. There are many problems that this sale would cause for our area and few benefits.

My reason for urging this action is :

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The impact of this transaction will dramatically increase noise, increase smog from standing cars waiting for the train to pass, and increase particulate matter from dust raised by the passing trains. The full extent of the environmental impact, especially to the number of sensitive forest preserves they will pass through, has not been adequately studied.

Sincerely,



John Burns