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Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

By now, I am sure you have received numerous letters pertaining to the purchase of the EJ&E railway by Canadian National Railway (CNR). As a resident who will be impacted by this sale due to the 400%+ increase in daily rail traffic, my principle concern with this purchase is the effect it will have on automotive and pedestrian traffic flow. It is quite obvious that automotive traffic will certainly be negatively affected by the major increase in the number of daily trains, but the safety issue of emergency vehicles being impeded is of even greater concern.

While CNR stands to make an exorbitant amount of money from this purchase (and it certainly has a right to do so), it should not be done at the expense of the communities through which its many trains will be passing. It is only prudent to expect that CNR will take the necessary steps at its own expense to mitigate any negative impact it will have on affected communities.

I am asking that if the STB allows this purchase to take place, it will do so with the stipulation that the CNR pay 100% of the costs of constructing overpasses or underpasses at affected intersections so that automotive, pedestrian, and emergency traffic flow will not be affected. Communities should not be expected to suffer, be inconvenienced or put in harms way just so CNR can roll on through. If CNR wants the privilege of passing through our communities, it should not be allowed to impede automotive and pedestrian traffic flow. It should be required to pay 100% of the costs for constructing the necessary overpasses and underpasses to keep automotive and pedestrian traffic moving. I respectfully ask that the STB make this stipulation a requirement of CNR as you reach your final decision.

Respectfully,



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