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September 8th, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20432

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Phillis Johnson-Ball:

I am concerned about the Canadian National Railway Company acquiring the acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad. I have resided in Aurora since 1979 and have lived on the far east side of Aurora since 1986. I was appalled to hear the scheduled meeting and hearing on 9/9/08 will be held at West Aurora High School, far from the area that will be directly affected by the acquisition. It appears that some parties are trying to silence the community by making it difficult for us to appear at the meeting. So I have decided to voice my concern in this letter.

I will be affected on a daily basis by the congestion, horns, and dangerous crossings at Diehl Road, Liberty Street, Ogden Avenue and Montgomery Road. This area is near Waubonsie Valley High School and there has already been a fatal accident of students at the Ogden crossing. Students travel from the Aurora-Naperville areas to attend Waubonsie Valley HS. Aurora and Naperville are both large cities with over 150,000 in population and the additional rail lines will put enormous burdens and impact the community's safety, environment, and financial well being. I am asking you to fully consider the long-term impact on our community and not just the short-term sale of property.

I have lived here long enough to see the growing pains that come with growth of a community. However, this is not growth that will be taking place but destruction for profit. It is not too late to stop the destruction that will affect all future generations. I ask that you not be party to this acquisition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charleen Russell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Charleen Russell