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STB Finance Docket No. 35087  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: CN acquisition of the E.J. & E.

I would like to remind the STB that the Barrington (Illininois) area school district, CUSD 220 pulls students from EIGHT surrounding communitites, and covers an area larger than FIFTY square miles. In this area, there are SIX E.J. & E. crossings. THREE of these crossings are on major arteries: Rt. 14, Rt. 59, and Lake Cook Rd. The crossing at Lake Cook Rd. is just TWO blocks from Barrington High School, where over 3,000 students attend school, participate in after school sports and evening activities. Barrington High School is the true center of our community, with signigicant traffic in and out of there from 6:30 am until 10:00pm daily. The STB needs to more precisely assess the far reaching impact of increased train traffic that affects so many.

The burden on us as taxpayers will be insurmountable, as we would be forced to build ways to get around these trains to get through our towns. This burden should not be on our shoulders. CN, a foreign owned, private company should bear the cost of making these six crossings passable. The STB's EIS needs to more precisely assess that cost.

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