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

RE: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation-Control- EJ&E West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35087)

Dear Ms. Johnson Ball:

I have been a resident of Warrenville for over 11 years, and have been paying close attention to the pending purchase of the EJ&E railroad by CN. I am aware that the city has met with a representative from EJ&E three times to address resident concerns of those living so close to the tracks.

The recent articles that have been published indicate that train traffic would increase by 70%, the weight of the trains would more than double, and they would be carrying Canada's hazardous waste material through our area. One spill could cause a major health issue for millions of citizens along the 200 miles of track.

Traffic in the Dupage county area is already a nightmare. Every day I go to work, I pray there won't be an accident that could make a 20-minute trip longer than an hour. Every time I go through Wheaton and Glen Ellyn, I have to cross the train tracks. It has become a true guessing game on how much time one should allow in order to be somewhere on time. At a time when gas prices are out of control and most people simply can't afford a shiny new Toyota Prius, CN wants to take over and make everything worse.

A major concern was brought to my attention about a gas pipeline that runs directly underneath the existing tracks. This pipeline contains toxic material also. We currently have about 10 trains a day running through the area and if the purchase is approved, it will increase to 40 or more. The new trains will be longer and heavier, and could have more impact on the ground below. If the pipeline is affected, who will be responsible for wildlife, wetlands, and millions of individuals who live along the tracks?

When a heavy train goes by, the interior of my home shakes, pictures on the walls rattle and any doors that have been shut start shaking. This continues until the train is gone, and I fear with the increase in train traffic and weight of the new trains, my home's foundation will soon have to be repaired. I have already replaced the windows on a home that was only 10 years old because bad seals and damaged interior walls from the water leaks.

Should you require further information my phone # is 630-231-9267.

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cc: Bill Foster, U.S. Representative- 27 North River Street, Batavia, IL 60510