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Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear W. Douglas Buttrey,

I am strongly against the CN purchase of the El&E railroad for the following reasons:

1. Experts have proven it will block ambulances and delay treatment of emergency patients. When seconds count people with strokes, heart attacks, and other life threatening ailments could die.
 2. Polls show that Barak Obama could very well be the next President of the United States. Senator Obama is against this acquisition. He has written letters opposing the takeover and has spoken out against it.
 3. The majority of Senators and Congressmen are against it.
 4. Most importantly , the majority of citizens who live in Illinois are against this.
 5. This has the feeling of the "Dubai Ports" fiasco where a foreign country tried to take over a vital American asset. The attempted "Dubai Ports" takeover was opposed by the majority of citizens and politicians. It created a huge amount of negative publicity. It was defeated.
 6. Air and noise pollution will increase.
- Please stop this takeover of an American asset.

Respectfully,

Sanford C. Fries

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sanford C. Fries'.