

September 8, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

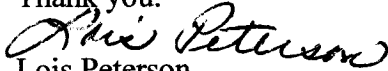
I am unable to attend the meeting scheduled for September 10, 2008 at the Lincoln-Way Central High School but wish to have my views recorded.

I oppose the merger of the EJ&E and Canadian National Railways for several reasons. Most of them are health and safety issues. If these two lines are allowed to merge and increase the number of trains passing through New Lenox where I live, it will prove to be a hazard for police, fire, and other emergency vehicles waiting for long lines of trains to pass.

If overhead passes are put in place, it will not be as much of a burden and will allow emergency vehicles to pass without the long wait.

Please take this into consideration remembering the large number of residents in the communities affected. Common sense would show that this is not a good idea.

Thank you.


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