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Phillis 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 am a 10-year resident of Warrenville, IL and am very concerned about the proposed purchase of the EJ&E Railroad by Canadian National (CN). I am aware that the City of Warrenville has met with CN representatives three times to convey concerns of the community, and particularly of the residents living close to the tracks. Overall, my specific concerns are:

- 1) The many adjacent households have experienced years of vibrations from existing train traffic. With such a large proposed increase in train traffic, how will these vibrations be mitigated?
- 2) The potential environmental impacts related to the transportation of hazardous materials are of great concern. I understand this change will significantly increase the train traffic (over 70%) and the amount of hazardous waste traveling through our community. There are numerous residents and various environmentally sensitive areas located immediately adjacent to the EJ&E Railroad line. Further, also is an elementary school and several parks are located less than a mile from the tracks; in fact, one large park is immediately adjacent to the tracks, and the elementary school is less than a quarter mile away.
- 3) My final concern is about the City's ongoing efforts towards establishing a quiet zone. Staff and elected officials have already dedicated three years towards this goal. Will this transaction force the City to start at the beginning of this long process? Residents along the EJ&E have patiently waited for the quiet zone to be established for several years.

For the safety of our residents, protection of the environment, and quality of life in the community I oppose this transaction and urge the Surface Transportation Board to consider the severe impacts on local residents when evaluating this transaction. Should you require further information, please feel free to contact me at (630) 836-0742.

Sincerely,


John M. Coakley

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