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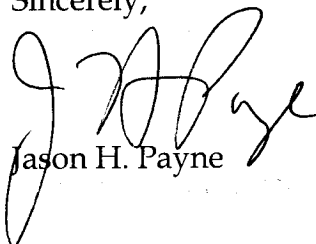
RE: CN Acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

Please be advised that I am a resident of Naperville Illinois, and live approximately one mile east of the EJ&E Railway. I strongly oppose CN's acquisition of the EJ&E Railway. Rail traffic is expected to increase from an average of sixteen trains per day to an average of forty-two trains per day. CN has also suggested that its freight train will run up to 10,000 feet in length, which could be two miles long. This will cause significant vehicle delays at railroad crossings on our already congested roads. In addition, this will jeopardize the safety of the current crossings by increased emergency response times and by requiring students to be bused across the rail crossings to school. This will also result in noise, vibrations and pollution as the trains pass through our communities. This acquisition would impact numerous cities and villages along the railway that use the roads to commute to and from work, school and other activities.

I am not alone; my concerns are shared by my neighbors and other members of our community and neighboring communities. It is my understanding that final approval of any acquisition is up to the STB, and given the strong opposition to the acquisition, I respectfully request that you take these concerns into consideration and reject the proposed acquisition.

Sincerely,



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