

September 8, 2008

Ms. Phyllis Johnson-Ball  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Streets SW  
Washington DC 20423  
**Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087**

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

I am writing you as a concerned citizen of Lake Zurich, IL. I was given your name & information as a place to send my concerns.

It is in regards to the Canadian National RR Trains that are trying to come through our city.

We have a young family – kids that are 5, 3 & 2 years old. We are all over town on a daily basis. We cross train tracks numerous times per day.

Not only will these additional trains making getting around our town very difficult, it brings much danger to our city.

Our 5 year old daughter attends Kindergarten at May Whitney Elementary. The tracks that these trains use – sit just 50 feet from her school. Not only is this a noise concern – it is a huge safety concern. These are very small children (school houses K-5).

From all of the information I can gather – this RR has one of the worst safety records. What if they derail? What if they have a chemical spill? What if any of this is near the school?

What do medical vehicles & fire trucks do when the tracks are held up for multiple minutes? Life is at stake while they are sitting & waiting for a train that is well over 1 mile long. In some parts of our city – that would block multiple routes – leaving emergency personnel little option to maneuver.

This would really hurt our city's economy. Resale of homes alone would be enough to not want these additional trains. We have so many reasons for not wanting them to come through here on a daily basis – as stated above.

At the very minimum – if it is decided that we have no choice & that the trains are allowed – they should have to pay for the relocation of tracks in certain areas. The city should not have to bear the brunt of this with zero compensation.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

*Dee & Amy Noland*