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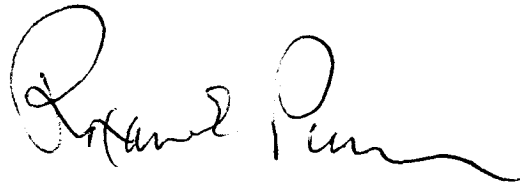
SUBJECT: OPPOSITION TO PURCHASE OF EJ&E BY CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY

I am ardently opposed to the acquisition of the EJ&E by Canadian National. There are serious safety, environmental and traffic concerns that will result from this purchase. In Frankfort, Illinois our rail crossings are inadequate to safely support the additional train traffic. We do not have gates at each of the crossings and have no over or under passes available to use on major roads. We do not have the funds in the state or federal budget to upgrade the crossings or to build the under or overpasses. We do not have local funds to make changes.

The time delays for emergency response vehicles will be unacceptable. Bus route times will be negatively impacted, and traffic will be extremely congested.

We purchased our homes with the intent to live in a quiet suburban, nearly rural area. The train noise pollution will change our now quiet living to constant noise. Our property values will go down.

All of these adverse impacts to our community and way of life will be to benefit a foreign company. This is unacceptable.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roxanne E. Purucker', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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