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February 8, 2008

Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

We are residents of Barrington, Illinois. We purchased our home approximately six years ago within the village. As first-time home owners, it was important for us to find a community suitable for establishing roots and starting a family. Barrington will no longer be an ideal village if freight trains are constantly roaring through.

We are adamantly opposed to the Canadian National Railway acquiring the EJ&E railroad. An additional 20 - 30 freight trains each at 7,500 - 10,000 feet each day is absolutely unacceptable. The impact to local citizens is not being weighed against the economic benefit to CN.

We live less than one mile from the EJ&E and Union Pacific railroads. As such, we utilize Lake Cook, Hough Street, and Northwest Highway on a daily basis to get to work, to buy groceries, to get gas, to visit the library as well as doctor visits, a dinner out, and to run errands. Each of these trips involves crossing the EJ&E line.

In short, our major concerns are: safety, congestion, noise, pollution, and the negative impact on our property value. Not to mention, how this will affect Barrington's local economy.

For these reasons, we are **against** the Canadian National Railway acquiring the EJ&E line that runs through the heart of Barrington.

Sincerely,



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