

September 2, 2008

Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Attn: Environmental Filing, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

I am a resident of Frankfort, Illinois and have live within 100 yards of the EJ&E railroad tracks for over 15 years. I also am a commercial developer in the northern Illinois area. I am familiar with railroad tracks and the traffic and noise issues they create. As I'm sure you're aware, if the infrastructure is designed to accommodate heavy rail prior to the use of those tracks, traffic and noise concerns can be addressed early on in the design process. This sale would increase train traffic without the proper funding for infrastructure improvements, and that would disrupt an enormous amount of residence that could not have planned for this intrusion.

Please consider us residence and the fact that our lives will be negatively impacted for ever if you allow the sale of these tracks go move forward.. Communities that were designed for heavy rail use have taken that into consideration when building their road systems. There is not a funding source in Illinois to make the appropriate improvements to adapt this heavy use to so many dense residential areas.

Please do not let us down.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Flanagan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tim Flanagan & Family