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Phyllis Johnson-Ball
STB Finance Docket No. 35087
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001

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To the Section of Environmental Analysis and to the Surface Transportation Board:

I strongly urge you to not approve Canadian National's proposal to make the EJ&E line a "rail superhighway." This action only relocates environmental threats to communities that have little or no infrastructure to safely co-exist with 20-plus trains per day. We have no under-or overpasses to make critical medical care available to the Barrington area communities.

As a nurse in the Medical Surgical Intensive Care Unit at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, I am very concerned at how little your environmental impact statement analyzed access to our emergency medical facility, these communities' closest source for critical care, trauma, emergency services and the best comprehensive cardiac care in the area.

I urge the board not to approve the proposed action in its current form, without consideration for substantive mitigation and infrastructure, and just as importantly, who and how it will be funded and how soon it can be constructed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phyllis Johnson-Ball", with a stylized flourish at the end.