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Surface Transportation Board
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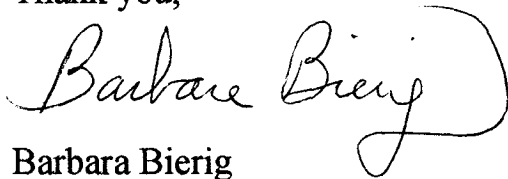
Dear Sirs:

This is my second letter to you. Partly due to the disturbing financial information we have been hearing all week, I again started to worry about the economic implications the sale of EJ&E to CN could have.

The infrastructure costs alone should be enough reason not to approve this sale. It is my understanding that it would cost American taxpayers well over a billion dollars to make all the necessary track and crossing improvements. And that figure does not even include the cost to the individual municipalities for many additional safety and environmental measures that would also have to be addressed.

The long-term costs seem to outweigh any short-term benefits that might be derived from this proposal.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Bierig". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

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