

February 3, 2008

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

Attn: Phillis Johnson-Ball

Re: Sale of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad Tracks

Dear Phillis:

Surface Transportation Board
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Thank you so much for attending the meeting at the Holiday Inn in Matteson, Il. to listen to the many concerns of the people in our area in regards to the impending sale of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad Tracks to the Canadian National Railway. It was so good to have you there.

We are residents of Frankfort, Il. and have lived here for nine years. We live next to the railroad tracks and at a crossing. We bought our historic farmhouse knowing that there were railroad tracks next to our house. We now have about 6-8 trains a day and that is fine. We never anticipated that the tracks would be sold and that the number of trains would increase. With this sale there would be an increase to 20 -30 trains a day or more. How can this happen and not have a major impact on our town and the environment. We have many historical trees on our property and I'm sure there are more thru out our town. What will the extra pollution do to these trees that we have spent thousands of dollars on trying to preserve and save? We have been told that a tree right at the end of our property next to the tracks, could only have been brought into this area by tree peddlers in the late 1800's. We have saved it from the power company trimmings and we hope to save it from the extra pollution that might occur with this sale.

When we moved to Frankfort, we moved here for the quaint town that it is. So many people have worked so hard to preserve this town and its history. We have just started to grow with new homes being built, young families moving in, new schools being built, new businesses and malls are finally coming to the south suburbs. What is going to happen to our community with this sale? With more trains, longer trains with bigger engines there will be more delays for cars, emergency vehicles and school buses. This sale will not, in any way, be a benefit to our area. This will be a disaster to our area instead. We have sat in our home and watched as the fire trucks and ambulances have had to wait until a train has passed. I would not want to be on the other side of the tracks waiting for these vehicles.

Who is going to want to move to our community with all the train traffic that we will have? We will be spending a lot of time waiting for trains to pass at the crossings in our town. Sometimes we have to cross the tracks twice to reach our destination. What is our property going to be worth for all of us that live close to and next to the tracks, if this sale goes thru? Our home is our retirement. Who is going to want to buy our home with all of the anticipated trains that will be passing by on the hour. Sometimes we have not been able to get into our own driveway because of the traffic backup with just the few trains we have now. As I'm writing this letter, there has been a train just sitting next to our home now for about an hour with the engine running. We have had trains parked next to our home for as long as 24 hours or more with the engine running. Will this increase with this sale?

Another major concern is what the trains will be carrying. We understand that there will be an increase of about 350% in hazardous waste that will be carried next to our homes and thru our town along with many other towns along the tracks. I talked with one gentlemen as I went from home to home with a petition, that used to work for the railroad, and he said that they used to just pull the plug on the toxic waste cars and let it go as the trains traveled along the tracks. Do we have to be concerned about this?

I am enclosing the petition that I asked people to sign, as I walked thru our neighborhood, if they were opposed to this sale. So many people have so many concerns. The train traffic, what they will be carrying and the safety concerns for local traffic are just a few of the things that people are very worried about. I talked with several people that have lived here for 30 -40 - 50 years and the changes that they have seen have been numerous. They truly remember the good old days. They remember a small quaint town. They are extremely concerned about this sale.

PLEASE help us in any way that you can. We understand that this is a big company and we are just a small town but we hope that we can make a big difference and keep the quaint little town that we now have and that so many people have moved here for.

Very Truly Yours:
Mike and Sharon Root
324 Center Rd.
Frankfort, Il. 60423
torchlake0@comcast.net

cc: Mayor Jim Holland
Jerry Ducay
Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Renee Kosel

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Wendy Kovach	1 Church Ct	Wendy Kovach
Sam Levening	136 Church St	Sam Levening
Al Levening	" "	Al Levening
Will Strick	128 Church St	Will Strick
Paul Ridge	112 Church	Paul Ridge
Michael Fushan	208 Linden Dr	Michael Fushan
Kathy Chelle	232 Linden	Kathy Chelle
ELLENORE CHIRILLO		
John J. O'Donnell	256 Linden Dr.	John J. O'Donnell
Lobyn O'Donnell	256 Linden Dr	Lobyn O'Donnell
Rebecca Guillemette	259 Linden Dr	Rebecca Guillemette
Ronda Guillemette	259 LINDEN DR.	Ronda Guillemette
Scott Guillemette	259 Linden Drive	Scott Guillemette
Robert Guillemette	259 LINDEN DRIVE	Robert Guillemette
Dan Guillemette	259 LINDEN DR.	Dan Guillemette
Sonia Quinn	105 PFAFF DR	Sonia Quinn
Rich. Quinn	105 PFAFF DR.	Rich. Quinn
HEBERT NANCY	137 PFAFF DR.	HEBERT NANCY
WILLIAM BAOKA	145 PFAFF DR	WILLIAM BAOKA
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Sharon Root	325 Center	Sharon Root

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Victoria Rios	9 W. Sank Trail, Frankfort IL	[Signature]
Ronald A. Fries	218 Center Rd, Frankfort	[Signature]
Judith L. Fries	218 Center Rd.	Frankfort IL 60423
RUDOLPH P. GUZIK	240 CENTER RD	FRANKFORT IL 60423
Lisa Kornela	756 Center Rd Frankfort, IL	60425
EDWARD E. HOMARDINI	300 CENTER RD	FRANKFORT IL
Daniel J. Kinner	20 PFAFF DR	Daniel Kinner
Steve Link	104 PFAFF DR.	Stan Link
ALAN LUDOLPH	142 PFAFF DR.	Alan Ludolph
SONIA DONALDSON	164 PFAFF DR	Sonia Donaldson
MARY ROSZAK	204 PFAFF DR.	Mary C. Roszak
CATHERINE BÉTANCOURT	312 PFAFF DR	Catherine Bétancourt
SHERIE PAZERH	220 PFAFF	Sherie Pazerh
MIKE CHLEBEX	228 PFAFF	Mike Chlebel
J. PLUMMER	737 CHAPPALE TPE	60443 J. Plummer
RITA PLUMMER	230 Pfaff Dr.	Frankfort, IL Rita Plummer
RICH PLUMMER	230 PFAFF DR	FRANKFORT, IL Rich Plummer
DUANE ANDERSON	213 PFAFF DR	FRANKFORT IL Duane Anderson
Carol Anderson	213 Pfaff Dr	Frankfort, IL Carol Anderson
Megan Murray	2 Church Ct	Frankfort, IL Megan Murray
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SUSAN M White	4 PFAFF DR FRANKFORT	Susan M White
Kristin M. White	4 PFAFF Drive Frankfort	Kristin M White
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KIMBERLY A WHITE	4 PFAFF DR FRANKFORT	Kimberly A White
Ronald White	4 PFAFF Dr Frankfort	Ronald White
Kristin Zvonar	267 Center Rd. Frankfort	Kristin Zvonar
Rob Zvonar	267 Center Rd. Frankfort	Rob Zvonar
CHERYL SATRIAN	251 CENTER RD FRANKFORT	Cheryl Satrian
Warren W. Kersch	245 Center Road Frankfort	Warren W. Kersch
Janis Kersch	245 Center Frankfort	Janis Kersch
Doug Lemme	225 Center Frankfort	Doug Lemme
Kevin Ziegler	207 Center Frankfort	Kevin Ziegler
Mildred Bartles	145 Center Rd. Frankfort	Mildred Bartles
Barbara Lucchini	24 E. Aurora St. Frankfort	Barbara Lucchini
Julio Lucchini	" " " " Frankfort	Julio Lucchini
Gus Embury	29 E. Aurora St. Frankfort	Gus Embury
Bryan Czell	110 Center Rd. Frankfort	Bryan Czell
Cathy Kuepfer	112 Center Rd. Frankfort	Cathy Kuepfer
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Dutch Kuffel	255 OAK St	Dutch Kuffel
Diane Kuffel-Hyatt	255 OAK St	Diane Kuffel-Hyatt
Sandy Hellrung	17 Pacific	Sandy Hellrung
Jim Hellrung	17 Pacific	James Hellrung
Tom Pullaro	20 Pacific St.	Thomas J. Pullaro
JOHN CHRISTENSEN	324 OAK St.	John Christensen
Nancy Fredin	306 Oak St.	NANCY FREDIN, KAY
Ruby Lohr	112 Pacific	
JULIE GARR	144 Pacific	Julie Garr
D. Dale Sink	220 Pacific St.	Dale Sink
Nancy Sink	220 Pacific St.	Nancy Sink
Traci Mathen	256 Walnut	Traci Mathen