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

Ref: STB Finance Docket NO. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball

Our names are Bill and Vicki Clement of Lake Zurich, Illinois. We have four school aged children (high school - 1, middle school - 2, and elementary school - 1). The E J & E railroad tracks run directly behind my backyard (60 feet from the back of my house).

We are strictly opposed to the proposed Canadian National Railway Company acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company for the following reasons:

Substantially increased emergency response time which will potentially cause unnecessary loss of life.

Safety - a hazard to school children who must cross tracks to get to school. Whether they are in a car or on foot the rush to get to school could cause them to try and "beat the train" so as not to be late.

Increased noise and vibrations.

Pollution.

Possible derailment.

Increased risk of hazardous material spills.

Increased traffic congestion.

Can you in clear conscience approve this acquisition knowing the detriments it would bring to our entire communitiy and the 34 others it will affect?

We urge you to **reject** the Canadian National acquisition of the EJ&E line.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill & Vicki Clement". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Bill and Vicki Clement