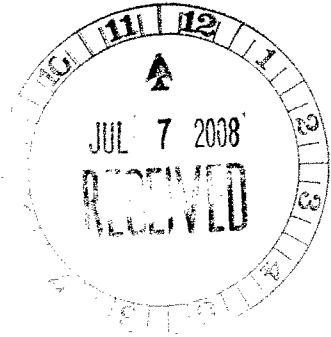


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June 23, 2008

Anne K. Quinlan
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington DC
20423-0001

Re: Docket # 35087

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

We are strongly opposed to the sale of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway which runs approximately 100 feet from our property line, and urge you to change the comment time from 45 days to 120 days. Forty-five days simply is not enough time to consider the full extent of the impact this sale will have on the neighborhoods it will be affecting.

We've been keeping close tabs on the sale since it was announced last fall that CN intended to acquire the EJ&E line. From what we've have read, it seems that CN believes that the sale is a done deal. If that is the case, it's just another example of sacrificing the small in the name of big business and money. Please do not let this be the case and hear the voices of the people that this will actually affect and not those whose pockets will be lined as a result of the sale.

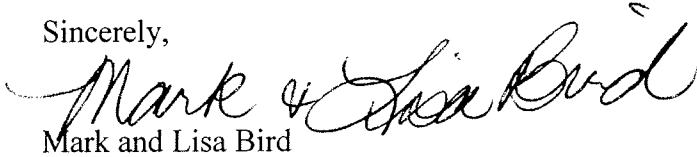
The proposed sale of the train line would definitely have a major impact on our community. The trains will increase from 6 to approximately 28 per day, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week including holidays. The current crossing grades were not built to sustain that kind of traffic. The overpass in our village was built in the 1800's from wood with a single track. If the traffic is increased to this level, how safe will the overpass be? Can it withstand that kind of weight? What if it can't and hazardous materials spills in to the land? Frankfort's water supply would be contaminated since we get our water from a community well and do not have city water. What of the increase in air pollution, noise pollution, the integrity of the foundation of our home with the increased traffic, the safety of our children since along the tracks there is not a barrier to keep them off the tracks?

CN claims that the main reason to send all the trains out to the suburbs is to ease the traffic in the City of Chicago. What assurances does the City of Chicago have that CN will not begin using those lines again after the traffic is re-routed creating this unbearable situation in the suburbs and not eliminating the congestion the city? I have not seen any

information addressing this situation. If this is truly the intention, then why not limit the traffic in the suburbs, while keeping some traffic in the city. Split the train traffic with the suburbs and the city.

We have lived by the trains for several years and know that when you buy a home by the tracks, there's going to be trains but this situation is unacceptable. Please hear our voices and DO NOT ALLOW THIS TRANSACTION to go thru.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark & Lisa Bird". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name "Mark and Lisa Bird".

Mark and Lisa Bird