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

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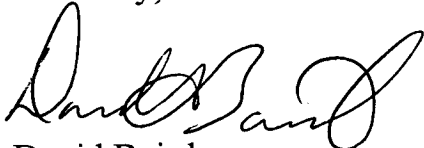
Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

I am a 39 year resident of New Lenox and I am very upset about the negative impact that the purchase of the EJ&E railroad will have on my home town. I understand the number of freight trains may exceed 30, and at several miles in length it will cause significant delays on roads that I travel on daily. I strongly believe that the this increase of trains and the increase of hazardous materials coming within 2 miles of my home and just a few hundred yards from the school that my children will be attending is a very poor decision.

The cost that we taxpayers will have to inherit, the increase in traffic congestion, the safety of the families in ALL of the affected towns, not to mention the resistance of the CN railway to pay for overpasses and underpasses if this goes through is just absurd. I've traveled through towns such as Glen Ellyn and Hinsdale, Illinois where trains come through at a pace such as what is being proposed and it creates aggravation and delay that affects the town in a negative way. Just the opposite of what every town wants anyone living or passing through to feel.

Please take my concerns into consideration when you make your recommendation and vote **NO** to the CN. Imaging you were a citizen in the same situation...

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Baird", written in a cursive style.

David Baird