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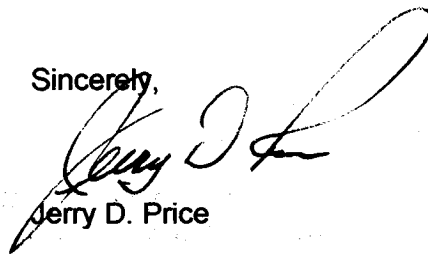
Dear Ms Johnson-Ball:

With regard to the captioned issue now before the board, I have several issues that I feel are not being given adequate consideration by the board. I am listing those concerns below:

- 1) I feel adequate evaluation of the expense affected taxpayers will be required to pay to mitigate adverse effects of increased freight traffic in many suburban cities surrounding Chicago has not been made. This would likely include grade separations, emergency personnel and equipment resources, and other signal light and safety issues. From what I have read in the news media, it appears the CN points to issues affecting its productivity and profits, but neglects costs being shifted to taxpayers.
- 2) It appears that only CN's operating plan is considered in this proposal, rather than considering the rail traffic in the entire Chicago Metropolitan area. The future of the metropolitan area is much more than the CN and its selfish objectives. Further evaluation and study of the whole area should be made before any decisions are made.
- 3) It appears the STB feels affected communities are able to determine all of the mitigation that will be required by such a change. The STB with their expertise should give extra latitude to the affected communities in trying to identify the total impacts on their communities.

I'm sure other factors should also be considered, but these give me the most concern. Please carefully review all factors, not just the ones that the Canadian National pursues.

Sincerely,



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