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 Message: Dear STB board,

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

I am a resident of Lake Zurich, Illinois and have a concern about the pending acquisition of the EJ&E railroad by the Canadian National Railroad. If this acquisition were to occur it would have a dramatic and negative affect on our community. My main concerns are regarding safety, increased traffic and delays at RR crossings, property value, hazardous materials transportation, noise and the cost of needed improvements to the transportation systems.

Safety is a concern on many levels, for cars, pedestrians, school buses and school students near the railroad tracks. The greater train frequency will increase the probability of accidents for all of these groups. Fixing this safety problem requires, at no cost to Lake Zurich, the installation of barrier walls between the rails and residences or school property; pedestrian crossing bridges; and access point controls. CN would have the responsibility to ensure the safety of our community.

The Community School District 95 buses cross the Village's at-grade crossings 233 times per day. The increase in the number and length of the trains will have a huge impact on the transportation of students to and from school. Not only is the conflict of trains and buses a concern but the potential hazardous cargo that CN will be moving through Lake Zurich. As a Mom it is unacceptable that we would allow this change to take place without precautions and training for our local emergency service representatives at the cost of CN and not the Village. Also, we require full disclosure of any hazardous materials that will be moved through our community.

Property value would no doubt go down for those living closest to the EJ&E RR tracks. As a community we are already concerned about property value and it would not be in the best interest of the Village to move forward with the current proposal by CN and

their lack of concern for the local community.

The increase in the duration of wait times at RR crossings would decrease access to Lake Zurich's downtown district as well as increase travel times within the community. The proposed transaction would disrupt travel patterns and have a negative impact on the daily lives of those living in our area.

In conclusion, as my a member of the STB I expect you to reject the acquisition of EJ&E by the Canadian National RR. It is your responsibility to keep our communities safe and represent the best interest of voters like me. Thank you for your time and service to our nation and for representing me and my family.

Sincerely,

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