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Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
Ref: **STB Finance Docket No. 35087**

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

I have serious concern regarding the CN/EJ&E deal and would like more consideration taken regarding the citizens of Northwest Indiana.

I strongly oppose the increased train traffic and longer trains with deal would bring through this region. The environmental impact in emissions alone is enough to warrant major concern, not to mention impeding the flow of traffic.

I also am for the South Shore Line (NICTD) and Gary/Chicago International Airport expansion. Both of which would be impacted and create new obstacles. Northwest Indiana with its ever increasing population is in dire need of an airport which would not only benefit those in Northwest Indiana but also alleviate congestion on the Chicago airports.

Please take this into consideration and the quality of life you would be impacting on those in the Northwest Indiana region.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,



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