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

RE: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation-Control-
EJ&E West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35087)

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

As a resident of the City of Warrenville for 1 year, I've been paying close attention to the proposed purchase of the EJ&E Railroad by Canadian National (CN). I know that the City of Warrenville has met with CN representatives three times and has conveyed resident concerns, particularly by those living so close to the tracks. It is my understanding that there will be a significant increase in train traffic (over 70%) and hazardous waste traveling through our community.

The potential environmental impacts related to the transportation of hazardous materials are of great concern. There are numerous residents located immediately adjacent to the EJ&E Railroad line with an elementary school and park located less than a mile away. These households have also experienced years of vibrations from existing train traffic. With such a proposed increase, how is vibration going to be mitigated? How will the problem of sleep deprivation by the noise and vibration of the 70% increase in train traffic be justified? What do you think all this added traffic will do to home resale values? How will it effect our much-valued wildlife?

My final concern is about the City's ongoing efforts towards establishing a quiet zone. Staff and elected officials have dedicated approximately three years towards this goal. Will this transaction force the City to start at the beginning of this long process? Residents along the EJ&E have patiently waited for the quiet zone to be established for several years

It is because of my concerns about safety and the quality of life that I oppose this transaction. I hope the Surface Transportation Board considers the severe impacts on local residents when evaluating this transaction. Should you require further information, please feel free to contact me at 630-520-0239 or bflatsuit38@comcast.net.

Sincerely,



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