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Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423

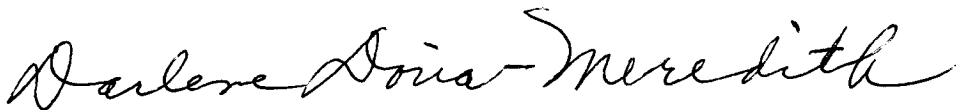
Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

As a senior resident of New Lenox, a community that will be negatively impacted with the increased number of trains being proposed with the purchase of the EJ&E railroad by the CN railroad, I would like to express my concerns. I understand that the number of trains may exceed 30 trains in the future and that these trains may extend 3 miles in length causing over 20 minute crossing delays.

I strongly believe that this is not a plus for our community. Emergency equipment will be delayed at the crossings for a great length of time preventing life saving situations from occurring. Being a senior citizen this will certainly not benefit me and possibly be directly responsible for my demise one day.

In addition it will be a danger for our school age children, as well as adults, attempting to cross the tracks. The additional noise of these many trains will be horrific. Since the additional tax burden, from infrastructure improvements, during the already stretched economy will be enormous. I definitely oppose this foreign company impacting our community, not only because of the added dangers, but because of the additional tax burden.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darlene Doria-Meredith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Darlene Doria-Meredith