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Ms. Victoria J. Rutson, Chief
Section of Environmental Analysts
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Ms. Rutson:

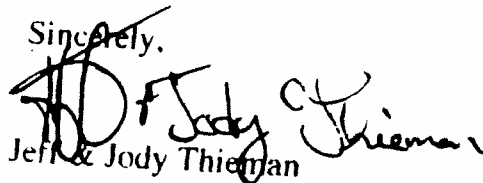
We are residents of Frankfort, Illinois and we are against the proposed Canadian Railway Corporation's acquisition of EJ & E Railroad. The rail line, running east and west, divides our town and halts all traffic with no viaducts or bridges to bypass crossings. Increasing rail traffic will create an enormous safety issue by restricting emergency vehicles north to south moment as well as produce a large environmental impact to our surrounding green areas and wildlife.

Due to the population growth in this area, our school system has been forced to institute four separate start times within our schools to accommodate the bus schedules and student traffic. Increasing rail traffic with no other alternate routes will most certainly disrupt school schedules and student education.

The impact of this acquisition resulting in the increase of rail traffic from six to 28 trains a day through our neighborhoods and village would be disastrous.

Please do not allow this acquisition.

Sincerely,


Jeff & Jody Thiemman