

August 27, 2008

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

Dear Surface Transportation Board,

Canadian National's proposed acquisition of the EJ & E tracks will negatively affect so many people in the suburbs that I can't believe it is even being considered. We have just moved back to the Chicago area and purchased a home near the EJ&E tracks in Naperville. We were told that only a few trains went through per day. We are now horrified to hear how many may be barreling past our quiet neighborhood. My parents recently moved to a senior community in Plainfield and from what I can see, there will be gridlock in Plainfield if these trains are going through multiple times per hour. I only hope that none of us have life threatening emergencies that require getting through one of these crossings.

From what I have read, Canadian National has no intentions of preserving the quality of life that makes our suburbs such a nice place to live. They have one goal only – to make money. I'm asking you to help us safeguard the investment that we have made in our homes and our communities by stopping this acquisition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurel LaLonde', written in a cursive style.

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