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

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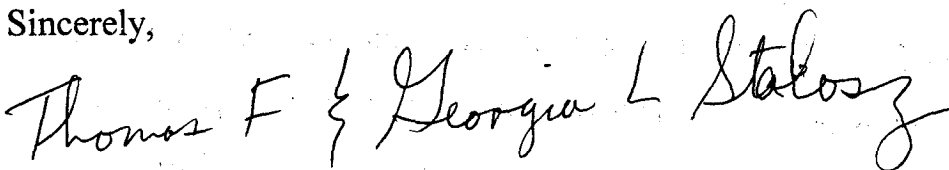
Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball

We are writing to express our extreme concern re the Canadian National Railroad's intention to purchase the EJ&E Eastern Railway. As an older retired couple with many health care concerns and issues, we are apprehensive about the traffic backups and extremely long trains taking forever to clear a crossing during a medical emergency. With the frequency of trains increasing, the probability of a blockage during any emergency greatly increases. We also understand that the number of hazardous waste carloads transported through our community will increase 7 fold.

Not that it matters to any particular decision maker in this issue...but the reason we moved to the outskirts of a sleepy little suburban town (New Lenox, IL) was for our peace and quiet in retirement. With all the additional trains blaring their warning horns 24 hours around the clock, that aspect of our planned peaceful retirement will have to be abandoned.

For what it's worth, we want to go on record to officially encourage disapproval of this purchase. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas F & Georgia L Stabosz". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Thomas F. and Georgia L. Stabosz