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Surface Transportation Board Members
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

Attn: Charles D. "Chip" Nottingham
Vice Chairman Francis P. Mulvey
Board Member W. Douglas Buttrey

Subject: CN acquisition of EJ&E

Gentlemen:

I don't feel I should suffer, as a homeowner in Lake Zurich, Illinois, the decrease in value of my home and community so that Canada can transport Chinese product by CN's acquisition of EJ&E's rail through the United States.

I feel strongly against sitting in traffic burning \$4.50/gal. and up gas at a "crossing" but, if one of this greatly increased number of those freight trains is also preventing me or any of my family/friends or fellow citizens from getting life-saving care, there is no measure to the extent of my emotion. It would be a challenge even to get our school children to classes safely and on time at one of the many schools in my area alone.

I am not a politician or with political connections, except by voter's rank--just a very concerned citizen who wishes to ask that you do all in your power to see that the acquisition is rejected. My remarks are blunt. There are many more issues--reasons why forty-plus long trains per day, or even fewer, are not welcome out my back door, especially carrying freight from a foreign country into a foreign country with absolutely no benefit to my community. Noise, vibration and pollution are considerations, as are safety and train created traffic back-ups. Someone needs to know how we who live here feel.

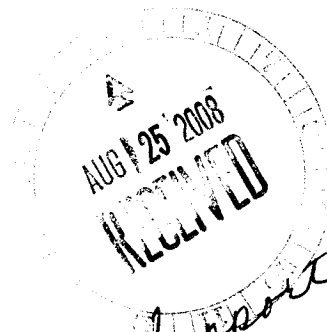
If, indeed, the acquisition needs to take effect, (I don't believe it does!) it must be very difficult and costly to the Canadian company to meet the mitigation measures required. They must not be ignored.

I have also sent letters and emails to our Congressmen, our State Congressmen and our Governor.

Sincerely,



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