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Ms. Phyllis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Finance Docket 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

As a resident of Lake Zurich, IL I am very concerned about the likely impact of the purchase of EJ&E by Canadian National. Traffic across the 3 grade level crossings in the immediate area of our downtown will be adversely affected by an increase in either the number of trains, or their length. Based on some rough calculations one train could affect all 3 crossings at the same time.

In addition to traffic concerns, the increased risk of an incident from a derailment is also present. Published data on CN's safety record does not paint a very positive picture.

Our village is struggling with a downtown revitalization project and the traffic, noise, etc. from increased freight train traffic would pose additional hurdles. Our efforts to become a Quiet Zone will be "derailed" by this purchase. Potential expansion of regional transit into our area would also be adversely affected as the EJ&E tracks would have been utilized.

At the risk of reading too much into it, the recent CN request to approve the purchase prior to the completion of the environmental impact study seems to be a bit arrogant. Again their safety/environmental record does not instill a great deal of confidence in either their commitment or competence in these areas.

Sincerely,

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