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Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 East Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms, Johnson-Ball:

As a resident of New Lenox, a community that will be negatively impacted at 5 crossings with the increased number of trains being proposed with the purchase of the EJ&E railroad by CN.

I would like to express our concerns. We understand that the number of trains may exceed 30 trains in the future and that the trains may exceed up to 3 miles length causing over 20 minute delays.

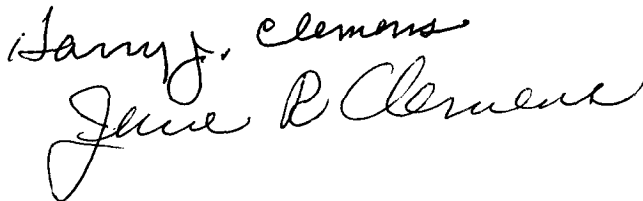
Being senior citizens, we are mainly concerned about delays for emergency vehicles since our hospitals are in the next town. Further, we are concerned about the increase in the transportation of hazardous materials through our town.

Importantly, we feel that CN should bear most if not all of the cost of needed infrastructure required at intersections. Not U.S. taxpayers. After all CN is a for profit organization and if they cannot afford this they should not purchase EJ&E.

Please take these concerns into your consideration when you make your recommendation. We strongly request that you vote NO to the CN.

Sincerely,

Harry & June Clemens
131 Maple Lane
New Lenox, IL 60451

Handwritten signatures of Harry & June Clemens. The signature "Harry J. Clemens" is written in cursive above the signature "June B. Clemens", which is also in cursive.