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January 27, 2008

Surface Transportation Board (STB)
395 E Street SW
Washington DC 20423

Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

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This is a follow-up to our letter sent January 9, 2008 (copy attached for reference) expressing our opposition to the proposed sale of the EJ&E railroad lines to the Canadian National Railroad Corporation (CN) for use as a bypass route for all current and future freight traffic from its Canadian and U.S. rail network.

As residents of Hoffman Estates, Illinois we want to identify the more specific concerns we have with this proposed plan for our neighborhood and community. We ask that these concerns be looked at and taken into consideration as a part of the environmental study being conducted by the STB:

The EJ&E grade crossing at Shoe Factory Road is a link between east and west Hoffman Estates. The proposed increase in freight train traffic by CN of more than 300% will cause excessive vehicle traffic congestion at this rail crossing. This proposed increase in both the number of trains and the length of trains will result in vehicles burning more fuel while waiting for freight trains to clear the crossing. This will result in increased air pollution.

The increased waiting times for trains to clear the Shoe Factory Road crossing will also cause increased vehicle traffic on our residential streets such as McDonough Road as traffic tries to cut through residential areas to avoid the crossing. This will result in health and safety concerns for our neighbors and local grade school students who attend the Timber Trails elementary school on McDonough Road. The heaviest vehicle traffic cutting through our residential streets will occur at the times our students are walking to school in the morning and returning home from school in the afternoon.

The EJ&E tracks in our neighborhood run directly behind our house on Mallard Lane and the homes of other neighbors on Mallard lane, Morningview Drive, Bridlewood Drive and Nicholson Drive. We are concerned about the increased noise and vibration from the trains that we will experience daily in our home from the proposed added freight traffic on the EJ&E tracks. This plan, as currently proposed by CN, will increase freight traffic behind our home to more than one train per hour, day and night, seven days a week, three hundred and sixty five days a year.

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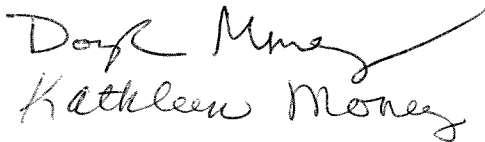
The EJ&E tracks in addition to running through our neighborhood and next to Kelly Park also run through Popular Creek Forest Preserve, Shoe Factory Road Woods and Spring Lake Forest Preserve. These are wooded areas and wetlands that provide habitat for birds and other protected wildlife. If this CN plan is approved we are concerned about the environmental impact this significant increase in freight traffic will have on the habitat in these protected areas.

If the CN plan is approved we have concerns about the type of freight that CN will be hauling through our neighborhood. Our concern is the proposed CN plan may increase chemical and other hazardous freight being hauled through our community, neighborhood, backyards, parks, wetlands and forest preserves.

We are further concerned that this proposed 300% increase in freight traffic will also expose our community to an increased potential of a train derailment occurring.

Again, should CN be allowed to go forward with its plan the resulting impact is major and without a doubt, on a day to day basis, will negatively impact our neighborhood, community and regional area for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Douglas and Kathleen Money. The signature for Douglas Money is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right. Below it, the signature for Kathleen Money is also in cursive.

Douglas & Kathleen Money
1365 Mallard Lane
Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60192

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January 9, 2008

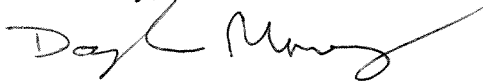
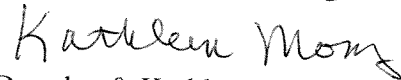
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We want to go on record that we are opposed to the sale of the EJ&E railroad lines to the Canadian National Railroad Corporation (CN) for use as a bypass route for all current and future freight traffic from its Canadian and U.S. rail network. Should the proposed CN plan to purchase the EJ&E railroad lines be approved we are concerned, as residents of the Barrington area communities, about the environmental impact this significant increase in freight traffic will have on our community, neighborhoods and backyards. These EJ&E railroad lines run at surface crossings through our town, residential neighborhoods, wetlands, forest preserves and for many local residents through our backyards. The impact from this proposed CN plan is significant. It will create gridlock and traffic congestion on our roadways, it will cause safety and health concerns in our communities, it will increase noise, and air pollution in our neighborhoods, backyards, wetlands and forest preserves. We have further concerns about the type of freight that CN may haul through our neighborhoods. Additionally we are concerned about the environmental affect these plans will have on the wild life that inhabits these protected wetland and forest preserve areas.

Should CN be allowed to go forward with its plan the resulting impact is major and without a doubt will, on a day to day basis, negatively impact our neighborhood, community and regional area for decades to come.

Sincerely,

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