

September 18, 2008

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

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

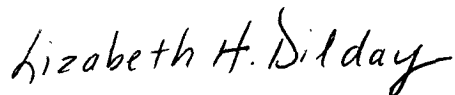
I am writing to express my **opposition** to the prospective acquisition of the EJ&E line by Canadian National Railway. I strongly feel that the negative impact this proposed transaction will have on our local communities is immense. The increased number of longer and faster freight trains running through our neighborhoods will result in:

- More accidents and deaths along the rail line
- An increase in automobile traffic gridlock at rail crossings
- Elevated pollution and noise levels
- Dangerously longer response times of our Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Teams
- Disruption and/or closure of local business activities
- Adverse impact on our property values

As a new resident of the Plainfield community, the idea that railroad traffic could increase some 400% is extremely upsetting. While I agree that rail transportation is an important part of our nation, I also want to live in a pleasant community atmosphere as well.

Please consider how such a drastic increase would affect our community, not just the bottom line of the railroad company.

Respectfully yours,



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