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Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

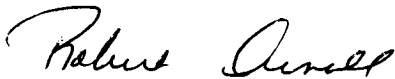
Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

I am currently a resident of New Lenox, Illinois. I am writing to you today to express my concern with the proposed purchase of the EJ & E railroad by the CN Railroad. Our city has been growing at a fast pace for the last 20 years. Traffic is getting heavier as the population grows. The increased number of trains that is proposed by CN railroad will have an enormous negative effect on our community. School buses will be delayed; fire and police protection will be at a standstill as 2 mile long trains cut through our town daily. Why would our government allow a foreign company to come into our communities and negatively impact our daily lives.

I strongly believe that you should **NOT** allow the foreign owned CN railroad to purchase the EJ & E railroad. Please think of us citizens and our children when you vote **NO** to the CN railroad.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Arnold". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Arnold" clearly distinguishable.

Robert Arnold
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