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Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

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Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms/Ball,

We are DEEPLY concerned about the increase in train traffic as well as the dangers involved in the Lincoln Way area if the EJ&E Railroad is acquired by the Canadian National Railway.

We are Manhattan, IL. Residents (5 miles south of New Lenox) and feel that we would be "boxed" in from the New Lenox area by rail. We already must deal with the Center Point truck traffic to the west of us. We are a struggling small community and do not need more complication with transportation in and around our town.

We are not against progress and change, but as senior citizens, we have enough inconveniences as well as costs to deal with.

We don't need more taxes to subsidize Canadian National's overpasses and underpasses.

It is difficult for us now to reach neighboring Joliet for hospital and doctors offices because of restricted traffic from trucks, and if the traffic by rail increases, it will be more difficult to reach the New Lenox area as well.

Please consider the futures of our residents and families and try to find a better solution to the rail problems.

Sincerely,

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