

Phyllis Johnson-Bail
STB Finance Docket NO. 35087
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-001

September 4, 2008

To the Section of Environmental Analysis and to the Surface Transportation Board

I strongly urge you not to approve Canadian National's proposal to make the EJ&E line a "rail superhighway." The action only relocates environmental threats to communities that have little or no infrastructure to safely co-exist with 20-plus freight trains per day. We have no under- or overpasses to ensure critical medical, fire fighting or police vehicles are available to serve the residents of the Barrington area.

As a result, patient outcomes will suffer, fires may burn while waiting for help, and police will be delayed, jeopardizing the safety of local residents. As a concerned citizen with family members and friends in this area, I am very disappointed at how little the federal environmental impact statement analyzed access to the emergency medical facility, these communities' closest source for critical care, trauma, emergency services and the best comprehensive cardiac care in the area.

I urge the board not to approve the proposed action in its current form, without insisting on substantive mitigation and infrastructure investment, and just as importantly, who and how it will be funded and how soon construction can be completed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roberta Woerner", with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Carl & Roberta Woerner