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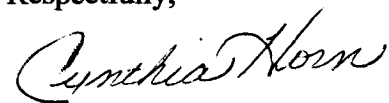
Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

I am a concerned resident of New Lenox, IL. New Lenox is one of the communities that will be negatively affected by the increased number of train traffic that would be running through town should the purchase of the EJ&E Railroad sell out to the CN Railroad. I understand that the number of trains may exceed thirty (30) trains per day and that these trains may extend three (3) miles in length and will take approximately twenty (20) minutes to pass each crossing. There are five crossings in New Lenox that will be affected by these trains, literally cutting off the south end of town; I live in the south end and would be cut off from my family, close friends, church, doctor, village hall, police, post office, pharmacist and hospital, to name a few. Should my nearby fire department station be out helping with something on the north of the tracks, they would be cut off from returning to and responding to any emergency to the south of the tracks. The school buses will not be able to pick-up or drop of the children on the south side of the tracks. This purchase will create turmoil in our town.

These trains have the potential to block traffic for ten hours each day! We moved here to be away from the city and the dirt and congestion the big city has to offer. We unlike the pioneers of old, do not look forward to the train coming through town. I'm sure you can understand what an enormous problem this will be for the residents of New Lenox.

Please, I ask you to consider the negative impact the CN will have on our community if it is allowed to acquire the EJ&E. When you make your recommendation, PLEASE vote NO to the CN.

Respectfully,



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