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Phillis Johnson- Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087
Canadian National purchase of
Elgin, Joliet & Eastern

Dear Ms. Johnson - Ball

As a resident of New Lenox, a community that will be negatively impacted with the increased number of trains being proposed with the purchase of the EJ & E railroad by CN railroad, I would like to express my concerns. Under the sale the number of trains will increase from 6 to 30 a day and increase in length from 2400 feet to 10,000. This increase will increase the time that our on grade crossing are blocked from 42 minutes to seven hours a day. Thus the south half of our town will be blocked from getting police and emergency care. The nearest below grade crossing for my subdivision is over 5 miles away in another town. Nearby hospitals are north of the railroad crossing. Please include in your recommendation that CN railroad a most profitable foreign corporation pay for grade improvement in our little town. Our town cannot afford to pay 35 million dollars to improve each on grade crossing but CN Railroad can. Without the crossings being changed to above or below grade someone will almost certainly pay with their life.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

John P. Farnetti