



Remington Crossing

September 23, 2008

Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

We represent the board of directors for the Remington Crossing community association in Aurora, IL. We are writing to express our strong **opposition** to the prospective acquisition of the EJ&E line by Canadian National Railway. Our community runs directly adjacent to a portion of the EJ&E tracks in question and so our community is literally on the "front lines" of this proposal. We feel that the negative impact this proposed transaction will have on our local communities is immense and is not adequately accounted for in the recently published DEIS.

It has become obvious that many of the statistics used in developing the DEIS were flawed and must be re-calculated. The traffics engineers that know our community best have shown that the DEIS figures drastically miscalculated the delays and potential harm that will come from this proposal. The increased number of longer and faster freight trains running through our neighborhoods will result in:

- More accidents and deaths along the rail line
- An increase in automobile traffic gridlock at rail crossings
- Elevated pollution and noise levels
- Dangerously longer response times of our Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Teams
- Disruption and/or closure of local business activities
- Adverse impact on our property values

We also believe that the DEIS is placing far too much value on the "offsetting benefits" to current CN communities. Not only do they already have the infrastructure in place to deal with the current train volume, but there is no reason to believe their tracks will not become full again with new volume that CN moves from other areas.

We are hopeful that you will make the decision to vote against this acquisition and to help keep our communities safe for us and for future generations.

Respectfully yours,

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