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To: The Surface Transportation Board

Ref: Canadian National Railroad purchase of E J&E Railroad

This message is written on behalf of the Terrace Lane Homeowners Board of Directors. Our Town home Association is located adjacent to the EJ&E track as it crosses US Highway 12. Almost half of our units only have a few feet of vegetation and our wooden fence separating our property from the railroad tracks.

As there is a relatively low amount of rail traffic now, we have lived with the high mechanical noise level of trains passing. Additionally, the freight engines often sound warnings by horn while approaching Highway 12 and Ela Road. The present sound volume that we experience is at the border of acceptability when vegetation is present in the warmer months.

If the rail traffic increases to the predicted frequency as a result of this railroad sale, our residents will be subjected to a much more distracting and possibly damaging noise level. We assert that sound barriers must then be constructed between the railway and all residential areas such as ours. These barriers must meet applicable federal guidelines and should also protect residential areas from damage due to possible derailment and hazardous spills.

Sincerely,



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