

Sept. 17, 2008

To The Surface Transportation Board,

We are very much against the Canadian National Railroad being granted permission to purchase the C&E Railway.

It seems very unfair that we, the taxpayers, should have to pay the majority of the money to have overpasses and underpasses constructed along the C&E railway. These would be very necessary to have constructed, to alleviate the problems of blocked crossings all along the route. Why should we help out a foreign company with our taxpayer dollars? They should be able to pay for these improvements with their very substantial profits.

Our tax subsidy for such

items as overpasses and underpasses would help the CN to take jobs away from U.S. citizens, who work for West Coast ports and for U.S. railroads. This would happen, because the CN recently built a new container port in Prince Rupert, British Columbia. This new port is closer to China than ports in the United States. Our taxes would help subsidize the transportation of products made in China, making U.S. manufacturers less competitive. This idea of Canadian National is wrong for us U.S. taxpayers. Please, reject it. Thank You,

Sincerely,

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