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The Honorable Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-001

RE: DOCKET #35087
Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation -
Control EJ&E West Company

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

As homeowners in Frankfort, Illinois, we will be negatively affected by the proposed purchase of EJ&E Railroad by Canadian National Railway. We are writing to express our concerns.

Although we purchased our home knowing it was located near railroad tracks, we knew there were only 5-6 trains that used the tracks per day. The current proposal is to increase the number of trains to almost 30 per day. This means an increase from one train every 4-5 hours to more than one train per hour. The increase in noise, vibration and pollution will make it nearly impossible to enjoy being in one's yard and holding a conversation. The continuous whistles mean no sleep. Additionally, this can only have a negative impact on our property values.

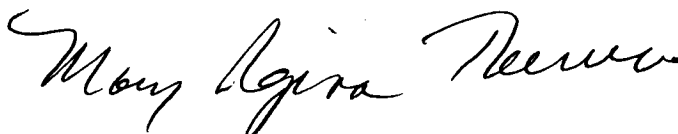
The tracks near our home do not have a crossing gate. There is a school in our subdivision and with the increase in number and length of trains, this poses a dangerous risk to schoolchildren who live and play in the area. Ambulance and emergency vehicles will likewise experience delays at blocked crossing.

We request that all the concerns voiced in our community and others to be affected by this purchase be thoroughly evaluated and addressed prior to a final decision. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Walter James Therrien



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