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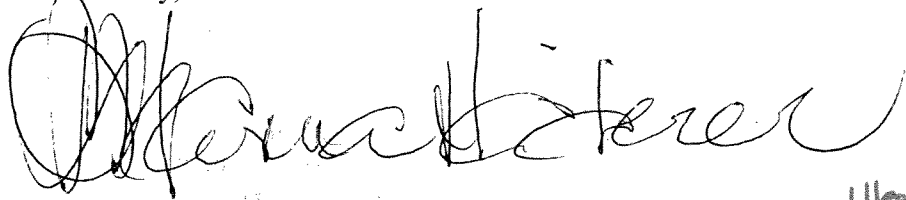
Dear Honorable Anne Quinlan:

I am writing to express concern over **Finance Docket No. 35087** for CN's acquisition of EJ&J lines and their planned construction and increased operations in the Chicago suburbs. The negative impacts to the communities located along this proposed route are substantial. My concerns include the following:

1. **Construction impacts** including visual quality, construction traffic and staging areas, water quality, hazardous materials and noise and vibration.
2. **Air quality** – For many segments of the rail line, train traffic will be increasing by 10, 20 or 30 trains a day - the final number is unpredictable. The emissions from railroad operations as well as vehicle delays will clearly have a negative impact on air quality.
3. **Noise and Vibration** – There are sensitive receptors immediately adjacent to the right of way including hospitals, schools and residences. Of particular concern is the Peterson Elementary School near 103rd street in South Naperville. With the school's proximity to the tracks, as well as its location between two crossings, the number of trains crossing throughout the school day would create unacceptable noise and vibration levels.
4. **Traffic** – In the Aurora / South Naperville / Plainfield area, the delays caused by the freight trains will have a negative impact on land uses, the ability to transport students to and from school in a safe and timely fashion, and the ability for emergency response vehicles to cross.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



cc: Phillis Johnson-Ball, Section of Environmental Analysis

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