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To: Phyllis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
Ref: STB Finance Docket NO. 35087

I am writing to urge you to reject the Canadian National acquisition of the EJ&E line in the Chicago area. If the sale is approved, as many as 20 trains could pass through this area every day. There are many problems that this sale would cause for our area and few benefits.

My reason for urging this action is

The full extent of the environmental impact, especially to the number of sensitive forest preserves they will pass through, has not been adequately studied.

The traffic congestion caused by the higher volume of trains would make it harder for people to reach area businesses and schools therefore causing economic hardship for the area.

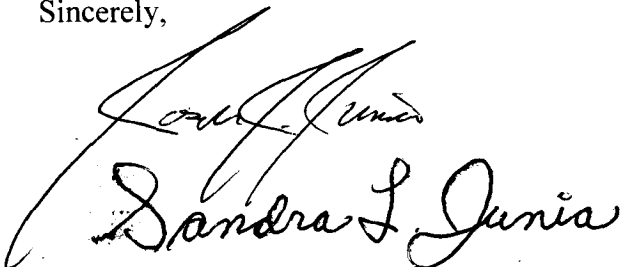
Emergency vehicles could be blocked by trains preventing them from reaching victims or fires in a timely manner, resulting in unnecessary deaths (our particular fire and safety response facility could be cut off for as much as 10 additional minutes making a life and death difference.

Local businesses will be prohibited from transporting materials on these rails to prevent even greater road blockage.

More trains means more danger at crossings for local residents. Accidents are expected to at least double in our area. Our local schools are at the other side of the tracks.

Canadian National is pledging only \$40 million to build underpasses at critical crossings. It expects American taxpayers to fund the rest. This is not fair to area and Illinois state residents. CN should share in the largest part of infrastructure improvement needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sandra L. Junia". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".