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Surface Transportation Board
Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Surface Transportation Board
CN-EJ&E EIS - FD-35087
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STB EIS No: _____
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Dear Mrs. Johnson-Ball:

As a resident of Frankfort, Illinois, I am extremely concerned about the impact of the proposed sale of EJ&E Railway to the Canadian National Railway. The proposed rail traffic increase threatens the health and safety of thousands of residents who live near the EJ&E railway tracks. I implore the STB to not allow the sale of the EJ&E Railway unless there are mandatory solutions to the problems the sale will cause included in the final approval. Problems such as, but not limited to:

Safety

- Gridlocked traffic on streets at grade crossings will decrease police, fire and ambulance response times.
- Much greater risk of hazardous waste accidents.

Health

- Lung disease increases due to increased pollution.
- Permanent damage to hearing from sustained noise pollution.
 - Many schools, homes, and parks are located within one-half mile of railway tracks. The exposure to constant freight traffic with decibels ranging from 88 to 115 (with horns) will cause permanent hearing loss per the EPA's Noise Control Act of 1972 and the Community Noise document published by the World Health Organization.
 - OSHA does not allow workers to be exposed to 115 decibels for any length of time.
- Increased stress on adults and children due to sustained noise pollution.
 - In addition to noise-induced hearing loss, the WHO found evidence that sustained noise caused sleep disturbances resulting in immune system changes, physiological and psychological issues, decreased productivity, and social behavior issues.

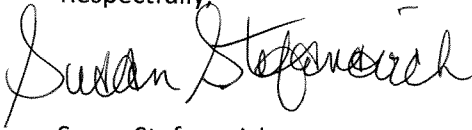


Environmental

- Disruption of bird and animal habitats due to pollution and noise as well as physical disruption due to the laying of new railway track.

I sincerely hope that the STB takes the sale of this railway very seriously and does not let a foreign corporation jeopardize the health and safety of everyone who would be affected by the Canadian National Railway purchase.

Respectfully,



Susan Stefanovich

cc: Village of Frankfort