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Surface Transportation Board
395 East Street SW
Washington, DC 20432

As a resident of New Lenox, Il, a community that will be IMPACTED with the increased number of Trains being proposed with the purchase of the E J & E Railroad by the C N Railroad, I would like to Express my concerns:

We live in a house only 3 ½ years old. We lived in a three story house in Oak Forest, Il., that we had To sell when both my Husband and myself started to be the sole Care-Givers for my 96 year old Aunt And my 92 year old Mother. We had to have a Ranch-Style house built to accommodate their needs. I and my Husband have great concerns because of the impact the additional train lengths and number Of trains relating to Public Safety.

There are NO North/South access roads in the entire area – Fire Department, Police Department, Ambulance Service, even the Hospital is effected.

This is a Great Community, and by no means am I against change, if the change would be for the better, Not endangering the health and well-being of the Southern boarders of New Lenox.
PLEASE, consider the negative impact the C N Railroad purchase of the E J & E Railroad will have On our area.

Thank you for your consideration in this extremely dangerous situation.

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