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Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Members of the Surface Transportation Board:

I am writing you today to express my concerns regarding Canadian National RR's proposed purchase of the EJ&E railroad. I live in a community that will be impacted by the proposed change.

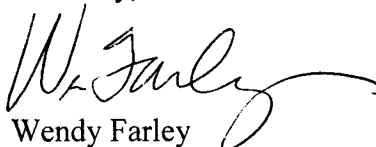
As the mother of three small children, I am very concerned about the compromise to safety that would occur if this proposed purchase is approved. My kids cross the tracks in our mini-van and while riding their school bus or bikes several times per day. Your recent report prepared regarding this purchase confirms the risk of rail accidents will increase on our tracks. I am worried that increasing rail traffic by 400% will put my kids in danger.

In addition, the added traffic congestion and thus, more idling cars will have a negative impact on the air quality in our area. I am concerned about how this will impact the health of my family.

Finally, the Barrington area city officials and residents have made many efforts over the years to preserve and protect our natural landscape and wildlife. I often see deer, various breeds of birds, and fox as I jog on the paths and roads next to the railroad tracks. We have built and maintain an island refuge for birds in a lake that is immediately adjacent to the railroad. What will happen to the natural landscape and wildlife when the rail traffic increases by 400%?

Please keep my family safe. Please keep the air that we breathe clean. Please help us continue to preserve and protect our natural landscape and wildlife. Please oppose Canadian National RR's proposed purchase of the EJ&E railroad. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Wendy Farley