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Charles D. Nottingham
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Suite 1220
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Chairman Nottingham,

I use the train link between Champaign, IL and Chicago, IL monthly for both shopping and professional trips. It is convenient, cheap and well-run. Although I have nothing against Canadian National (I know little about them, truthfully), I strongly oppose their proposal to isolate our community for train travel!

Many of my friends at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign regularly use this rail line going both south (mostly to Carbondale) and North (to Chicago and its suburbs). I ask that the STB make establishing the same or similar route a priority in this proposed merger.

Thanks,

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