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My name is Susan Campbell and I live in the village of Wayne, IL. I am writing to you in regards to Finance Docket 35087. Wayne has been referred to as "ground zero" in the CN acquisition territory. The reason for this, is that the village sits within a triangle of railroad tracks. If this acquisition goes through, my family's life will be dramatically altered for the worse. My main concern is being trapped between railroad crossings. We've been told that CN will be using the railroads on Stearns Rd for a turnaround to head west. This could conceivably block traffic on two different roads at the same time. What if an ambulance is trying to get through, or a fire truck? Also within this triangle of railroads sits Wayne Elementary School. With buses coming from all directions, how are these children going to get to school? Every route that a bus would take crosses one of the railroad tracks that CN would like to purchase. The possibility of accidents is great.

Beyond the real dangers to our community are the quality of life issues and the decimation of our property values. With 24 trains (to start) going by every day, the noise level will be unbearable. Our homes are very close to the railroad tracks. This hasn't been a problem for as long as the railroads have been here. Suddenly, our homes will be unsellable and unlivable.

There are, of course, many environmental damages that would occur with this level of rail traffic. I'm sure you have been presented with studies on these very real hazards. I urge you to consider very carefully the impact this sale would have on all the impacted communities. Surely there is another way?

Sincerely,


Susan Campbell