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Washington, DC 20423-0001

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September 19, 2008

Re: CN acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad

Dear Madam:

I'm in writing in opposition of the Canadian National Railway Corporation (CN) application to seek approval to acquire EJ&E West Company to use the railway as a bypass around the congested rail lines of Chicago's inner ring suburbs. I stand in opposition as a resident of Plainfield who lives just west of the rail tracks in question with a daughter who attends school 100 yards from same. Not only will this acquisition significantly delay vehicles at all railroad crossings, there is NO infrastructure in place to ensure the safety of the crossings specifically when it comes to emergency response vehicles.

CN has estimates that the rail traffic will increase 3x's from 16 trains per day to 42 trains per day. As a resident who commutes to South Chicago everyday, this will not only negatively impact my commute but will also impact noise, vibrations and pollution as the trains pass through my community.

Please understand that I strongly oppose this purchase because of the negative impact this will have on the community that I reside in. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Neal Callow
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