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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington DC 20423

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I have been following closely the proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad by the Canadian National Railway and Grand Trunk Corporation. I have lived in Naperville and Aurora for a total of 18 years so I am very familiar with traffic flow and the attendant problems. These two cities have been two of the fastest growing in the Midwest and I can assure you that the increased train traffic would be a disaster, especially in the light that most of the crossings are at road level with very few overpasses. It is actually difficult to countenance what traffic will become if this sale becomes a fact. It would certainly inhibit residential growth and the additional businesses that closely follow residential growth. In the name of common sense and respect for the quality of life I ask that you do not allow this acquisition to take place. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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