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Suburban Transportation Commission

RE: Proposed Acquisition of the E J & E Railroad Line

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of Hawthorn Woods, with a home near the R.R. Crossing on Old McHenry Road, we adamantly oppose this acquisition. Not only would the increased freight train traffic create a nuisance factor for the quiet enjoyment of our home, but it is also a safety issue that affects our child with regard to traveling to and from her elementary school, May Whitney and the Lake Zurich High School would also be impacted by the increased noise and the potential danger if the freight trains are more frequent and carrying hazardous materials. The impact that additional train traffic would have on emergency response times should not be ignored. Anyone would want to have expedient response time if their house was on fire or someone was in need of immediate medical treatment.

As a business owner in Lake Zurich, with a business located very near the R.R. Crossing at Oakwood, this increased number of trains traveling on these tracks would certainly impact traffic congestion in the Lake Zurich industrial park, emergency response time for businesses and increase the frequency that local area businesses are exposed to train cars carrying hazardous materials. I haven't even begun to discuss the negative effect this would have on local merchants whose businesses happen to be in an area that would experience traffic congestion...people will simply avoid these shopping/restaurant areas if they are known to be problematic. This would undoubtedly impact the revenue of all affected communities.

The northwest suburbs have already been negatively impacted by housing developments forced onto an overcrowded and deteriorating infrastructure. To add problems to an already overburdened system is not in the best interest of any of the communities affected.

We respectfully ask you to not allow this acquisition to take place, because the increased freight train traffic would have a rippling affect creating a multitude of other problems within our community and other communities affected by this acquisition. Things are fine the way they are, this is not a change for the good of all people.

Regards,


Bruce and Deborah Sterling

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