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Dear Madam/Sirs:

I ask you to deny the sale of the EJ & E Rail Line to Canadian National Railway Corporation. As a 50-yr resident of Plainfield Twp, Will County, IL, the effects of this acquisition would be devastating. I have four major points to make:

1. For 25 years, I have lived in a subdivision bordering EJ & E railroad tracks. Our family has accustomed itself to the whistles, sounds, and vibrations in our home over the years. Despite the frequency increase over the last few years to approximately 10-15 trains in a 24-hour period, we have coped with the situation without complaint. However, the sharp increase to near 50 trains that are longer in length is too much for any homeowner to bear. Our subdivision is over 40 years old, made up of mostly retirees who built their brick ranch homes and diligently worked to pay off their mortgages. Now this possible acquisition threatens our quality of life with increase air and noise pollution while causing our property values to plummet.
2. A mile before the trains reach my home they pass through the largest bird rookery in IL at Lake Renwick. The impact increased trains will have on this protected area must be considered.
3. Plainfield is already overly congested. What used to take 10 minutes to drive through Plainfield 15 years ago, now takes 20-30 minutes. Add increased backups at its near 20 railroad crossings, and it will be disastrous.
4. Chicago favors this sale to alleviate congestion in its closest suburbs. I heard one woman remark in an interview that trains in her area would be reduced from eight to one or two trains a day - I would like to reiterate that I'm already seeing 10-15 a day. In addition, a large percentage of Plainfield residents work in Chicago. The economy of Chicago stands to suffer as well, as workers will inevitably arrive late after waiting for passing trains before reaching the highways to make their daily commutes.

I ask that you consider these points as you make your decision. There must be alternatives available for a wealthy corporation such as CN. I urge it to look for options that would allow it to co-exist with its environment rather than destroy it.

Thank you for your time,  
Tammy Hollingsworth