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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087
Proposed CN Acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad

To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed CN acquisition of the EJ&E railroad will be catastrophic to the community of Barrington, Illinois. It is a threat to our children, as over 800 school buses cross the tracks everyday, not to mention the thousands of children walking over these tracks on their way to and from school each day. It is a threat to the well being of adults, as well as children, as emergency vehicles will be blocked due to the anticipated 20+ trains per day crossing over and blocking our roads for 10+ minutes each. It is a threat to our environment with the excessive noise and air pollution that will now inundate our residential areas, forest preserves and parks. It is a threat to our economy as businesses will surely fail when it becomes too difficult for people to go to and from train blocked stores and restaurants. It is a threat to the financial well being of thousands of our residents when property values plummet as a result of this acquisition and increased rail traffic. This in an uncertain economy and already depressed housing market. Most importantly, it is a threat to the basic American dream, the dream of working hard and being rewarded for that effort by moving to a safe, quiet community of natural beauty, whose inherent elements will be laid waste by this proposed business deal.

And for what? To move freight more easily to the Gulf of Mexico and Latin America with little economic value to the Chicago region. Please do not put freight transportation before the welfare of American citizens. We implore you to block the proposed acquisition. Our lives literally depend on it!

Sincerely,



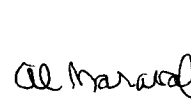
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