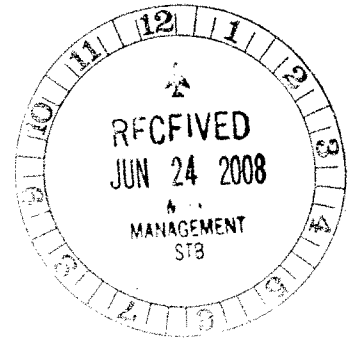


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June 17, 2008

Ms. Ann K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C.



Dear Ms. Quinlan,

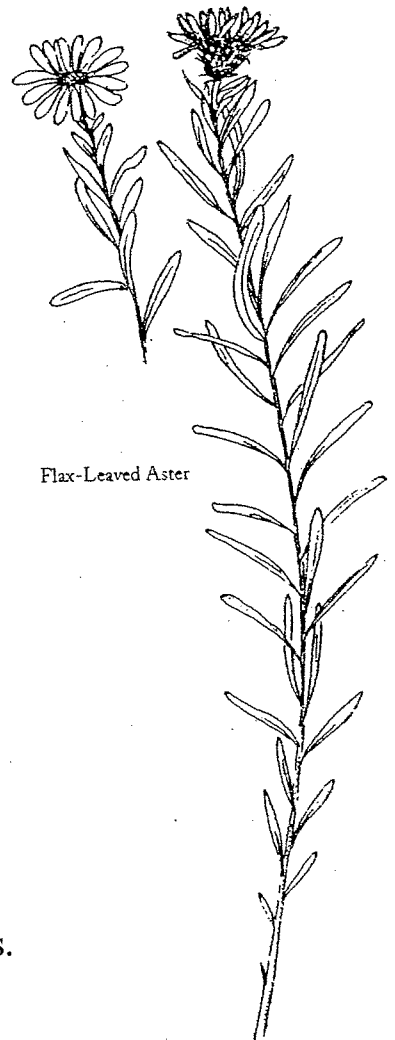
As the Park Commission Board for the Village of Wayne in Illinois, we would like to explain our strong objections to the 300 million dollar purchase of the EJ & E Railroad by the Canadian National Railroad Corporation.

There is the danger of trains 2 miles long blocking our roads so that no emergency vehicles can get through our town and the increased chance of accidents involving pedestrians and automobiles.

The 555 percent increase in the daily number of trains (now 4.4 trains increasing to 24.4 trains) and the daily carloads of hazardous materials increases to 1,258 percent! (In addition, this is only projected for the first 3 years.)

Idling locomotives sitting on the tracks, engines running for 36 - 48 hours, blocking crossings and polluting the environment, we can do nothing about, as state and municipalities have no jurisdiction over rail operations.

This foreign corporation bought the Illinois Central Railroad in 1999 and the Wisconsin Central Railroad in 2001 and is currently in 16 states in the United States. It generates more than half its revenue from shipments to or within the US.



In March, the CN announced plans to spend an additional 100 million to upgrade the EJ & E; then changed it to 30 to 40 million. Now, however, this foreign corporation with 2 billion in annual sales says there is no need for under or over passes at any of the 133 grade level crossings! This can cost the American taxpayers billions of dollars.

The CN opened a facility last year in Prince Rupert, British Columbia to give shippers a quicker route from Asia into the United States, which will give CN a competitive advantage.

It seems that there is every advantage for CN and every disadvantage for America, and for the villages that EJ & E runs through.

Thank you for taking the time to read these concerns and we respectfully request that you deny their application.

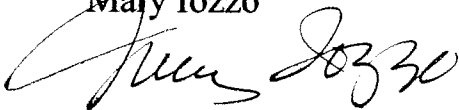
Sincerely yours,

Wayne Park Commissioners

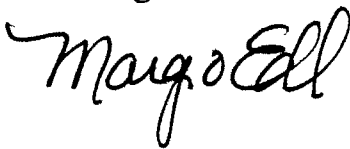
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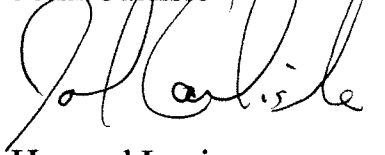
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