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Dear Honorable Vernon A. Williams,

I am writing you today in concern over docket number FD 35087, Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Truck Corporation - Control- EJ&E West Company.

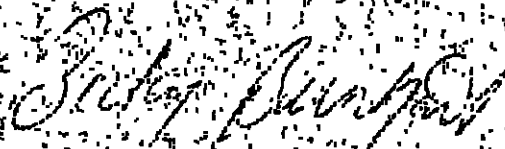
With the Canadian National (CN) Railway takeover, it is projected that train traffic will increase from 15.7 to 42.3 trains per day. On average two trains will be coming through our once quiet neighborhood every hour. Also the number of hazardous material carloads is projected to increase from 43.4 to 379.3 annually. This increased train traffic will have an enormous, negative impact on many residential communities in Illinois.

Some of my many concerns over CN's acquisition are as follows:

- ~ Hazardous materials will be transported on an average of one per day through residential neighborhoods and very close to Peterson Elementary School in Naperville, IL.
- ~ Vehicular traffic will become very congested.
- ~ Noise will increase drastically.
- ~ Pollution will increase in residential areas.
- ~ Emergency Services Response Time will be delayed.
- ~ The planned commuter STAR line will likely no longer be feasible.

Please direct me in how I may help prevent the negative impact that this acquisition will have on our community. Also, please advise who I should contact to help keep the plans of the commuter STAR line alive. The STAR line would greatly benefit many communities in Illinois. I may be contacted at 630-717-7294 or at BarnhartsRock@hotmail.com.

Gratefully,


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