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It is unbelievable that our United States government supposedly "by and for the people" is subjecting itself to an out-of-the country enterprise's bullying legal threats. The CN railroad is trying to force the ICC to make a hasty decision on the Surface Transportation Board study on the impact of the sale of the EJ&E on Chicago suburbs.

Wisely the STB is conducting an in depth study, listening to the people and their concerns. An entire Chicago suburb corridor will be brought to a halt in the wake of 20 plus freight trains, one to two miles long, crossing their intersections. That amounts to a six to ten minute wait every 20 to 30 minutes. Schools, businesses, emergencies, home values, commuters riding the Metra, persons keeping appointments, driving to work places etc. all will be impacted. The sale of the EJ&E will be a death knell to the entire corridor of affected towns. This fact will have a huge repercussion on economics for the entire Chicago area. The goods and services the CNRR claims it will benefit from the sale is their only stand, of course motivated by profits at the expense of paralyzing many thousands of citizens.

Another issue is who will be responsible for under or overpasses the sale goes through. The CN contends that the federal and state governments will support the infrastructure needed to keep the affected towns moving. This is a false contention. THE GOVERNMENT has NO intention of financially coming to the rescue for this cause. Hopefully the STB and ICC can see though that ploy!!

May I conclude by strongly suggesting that the government think long and hard on their decision the allow a Canadian company to profit from the destruction of an entire Chicago suburban corridor involving 5 towns. Actually the impact will affect not only the 5 towns, but all the surrounding communities that depend on the traffic access through these towns. This is immensely disastrous for thousands of people and will have many negative repercussions. This you cannot ignore!

A Concerned Citizen,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Cunningham". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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