

To whom it may concern,

I would like to start by saying that I live right next to the EJ&E tracks and I have had no problem with the trains. My kids wave to the engineers and signal them to blow their horns. What I do have a problem with right now is that the neighborhood children (mine excluded) trespass on the EJ&E tracks constantly, and in surprisingly large numbers. I have repeatedly contacted EJ&E police and the local police to try to stop the children from playing on the tracks, so that they don't get hurt, or so that they don't place things on the tracks that could damage or derail a train. The EJ&E police recently installed new no trespassing signs in the area that I have been concerned about. The children in this area did not like those signs and ripped them out of the ground. Trespassing is now continuing as normal. When the middle school in my neighborhood lets out, depending on the weather, there could be as many a dozen children who choose to walk home, crossing the tracks where there is no gated crossing, rather than riding the bus home.

My concern is that by increasing the number of trains, we will increase the likely hood of a child being struck by a train.

I have other concerns as well. It seems that this Canadian company is set to disrupt our community in a quite major way, while returning NOTHING to our community. With the increase in train traffic we will face very long delays and long traffic back ups, yet there are no plans to bridge major roadways. I have seen no plans to increase the railroad police force to help keep the children in our area safe. We have main roads that school busses travel daily, that have no gated crossings.

It seems that CN wants to move in, with a total disregard to the residents, and grab all the profits it can while returning nothing to the community. THIS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED!

Running our neighborhoods into the ground by increasing our traffic problems, increasing the noise and vibration, increasing the likely hood of an accident or injury, increasing pollution, increasing delay of emergency response vehicles, increasing the time it takes for our children to get home from school and for us to get to work, while lining the pockets of CN at our expense, and returning nothing to our community should not be tolerated.

We have also been looking forward to the star line, which would help commuters in this area, at a time when all the help in transportation that we can get would be beneficial. The CN kills that dream too, and gives us nothing in return.

People moved to this area because it was quiet, had good schools, and was a good place to raise kids (among other reasons). If this sale goes through it will put an end to the quiet, our kids could be stuck on their school busses much longer at the crossings waiting for the longer trains to go by, children will be much more likely to be injured on the tracks, and I see no way that our property values can avoid falling.

Please don't let this acquisition go through.

Thank you.
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