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To the Surface Transportation Board

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I am writing to voice my opposition to the Canadian National Railway's acquisition of the EJ&E rail line. As there is no regulation of railroads Canadian National could in fact increase rail traffic even greater than the projected four times over the current traffic. They also would not be accountable to anyone concerning noise or traffic back up. The cost of abatement especially in times of tight state & local budgets would be a considerable burden. There has been a great increase in growth along the EJ&E over the last 10 years. The route 59 train station in Naperville has the most commuters than any other. The EJ&E bisects the east-west travel routes. The increase in rail traffic will greatly increase the time all commuters have that live to the west of the rail line. In my area, in a four block area, there are 3 rail crossings. Directly across one of the crossings are a YMCA field house & the school bus parking lot. I also want to say that the choice of where to hold the hearing makes it very hard for anyone with health issues (myself) and people with disabilities to conveniently get to. It adds over an hour in travel to the length of the meetings. But I suppose that is the point.

Sincerely,

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