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Dear Sirs/Madams:

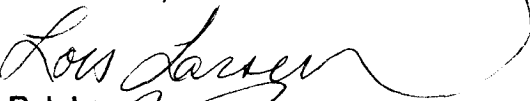
I am writing to oppose the sale of the EJ&E railway to Canadian National RR. This railroad crosses our community at multiple places and would make our lives a nightmare. I cross it on the way to and from work no matter which way I go. It already takes me 30-35 minutes to go 15 miles to Abbott Laboratories because the traffic is so congested. We cross it 4 times a day to take my daughter to and pick her up from gymnastics. Both my son and daughter cross it to and from school. There is no way we could continue to function in this community with up to 20 trains a day that are over a mile long. One train crossing the road for 3-4 minutes between 7 and 8:30 am or between 4 and 6:30 pm will back the roads up for miles BECAUSE there are almost NO overpasses or underpasses.

When we moved to Illinois over 10 years ago after living in Wisconsin and Colorado, we were amazed at how antiquated the road and railroad structure is. Neither of those states would ever have major roads like Hwy 60 cross a railroad with NO OVERPASS. But it is too late. Illinois is 100s of years behind at building roads and overpasses. It would cost billions of dollars and disrupt the traffic for years to catch up. The leaders of this community must accept that and refuse to allow this kind of disruptive traffic in the lives of the citizens that live here. They made their choices long ago.

We spent 3 years remodeling our home and have put down roots in this community but we will have to leave if the sale goes through and that makes our children and us very sad.

Sincerely,

Lois Larsen, PhD



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