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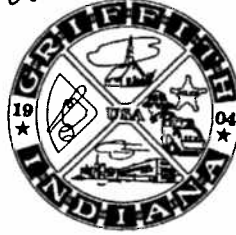
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Dear Sir:

The concern we want to express to you today, is the potential impact the community of Griffith will realize with the proposed purchase of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern West Company Railroad by the Canadian National Railroad. As you are aware, both of these currently travel through the Town of Griffith.

Current media reports of this potential acquisition indicate the possibilities of increased train traffic through Griffith. The EJ&E Railroad tracks traverse through heavy, densely populated neighborhoods.

We have grave concerns for the following:

- Possible additional hazardous waste transports?
- Increase of trains daily, what time of day?
- Current un-protected (non-gated) at-grade crossings?
- Speed and length of trains?
- Increased noise pollution?
- Maintenance of right of way and at-grade crossings?
- Open communications with Canadian National?

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With regards to length of trains, the Town has concerns, if a train were of significant length, it could theoretically close off half our community to emergency vehicles. Particularly Elm Street to Broad Street. This stretch measures approximately three-fourths (3/4) mile, with five (5) at-grade crossings. In addition within this stretch, there is a curve in the track (at Main Street) so speed of the train is a concern.

We have other issues that need to be discussed. Our “wish” at this time is for this possible sale to be titled as a “significant” transaction in order for the acquisition to have additional dialogue and investigation.

Thank you for your time and we want the record to show that we are opposed to the purchase of the EJ&E by CN.

Sincerely;

Stanley Dobosz
Councilman
Town of Griffith