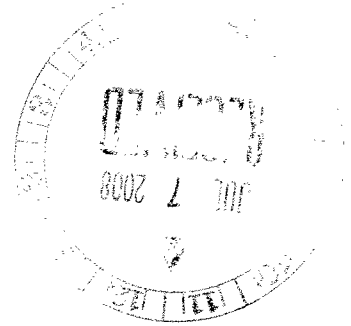


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Anne K. Quinlan
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395 East Street SW
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Case#: 35087

Dear Anne K. Quinlan,

I strongly oppose the sale of the Elgin Joliet and Eastern Railway to the Canadian National Railway Company. The sale of this railroad will be detrimental to all who live and work in the surrounding communities.

Currently, we experience traffic delays and serious accidents in our area due to train traffic. If there are more trains, it is possible that people may not get to a hospital on-time, because the train has stopped traffic on Ogden Avenue/Highway 34, a main road to two hospitals in the area. In addition, to traffic problems for emergency vehicles, it causes concerns for us parents who have teenage drivers. Many teenage drivers need to cross the tracks to get to school daily, thus increasing the risk for accidents and even deaths. I understand that more efficient transportation is necessary; however, it needs to be done so it does not interfere with present traffic or safety for all of us who live in the community.

Presently, I think that the EJ & E tracks should not be sold to the Canadian National Railway Company it will cause more problems than it is worth. Yes, efficient transportation is necessary; however, it should never be at the expense of individual lives.

Concerned Citizen,

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