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There is no cause to turn down the proposed buyout by CN of the EJ&E. There will be no additional trains operated, only some trains taking a different route around Chicago. There will not one cloud more of diesel smoke. Ther will be not one more drop of diesel fuel used. There will be less vibration in Prospect Heights. If there is less safety in Barrington then there will more safety in Wheeling. If there are more road backups in Lake Zurich then there will be less in Des Plaines. If some responders are held up then others can be speeded up. In other words the sum of the changes balances out. Trains are not dangerous unless you are dumb enough to be standing or sitting on the track. Is Barrington prepared to stop METRA and Union Pacific freight trains from going through their town or is that different from the CN? Don't trucks going through these towns hinder traffic or are they against trucks going through their towns too. I wish to point out that the STB is talking about Interstate Transportation not local. CN is running a few trains on the EJ&E already and I haven't heard of any major problems.

The choise of the STB is clear. Let CN take over the EJ&E. It is the right decision and the only one that can be the verdict.

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