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The company that wants to purchase the E J & E RAILROAD is a **FOREIGN COMPANY**. The **CANADIAN NATIONAL**!!!!!! This railway crosses my community at 9 different crossings -all at grade level crossings.

1. Why does this company expect the residents of the Illinois (USA) communities to pay the burden of overpasses, sound barriers, etc.??? How does this benefit us?? As residents of the communities affected, the burden outweighs the benefit. what benefit? I have not heard of any!!-other than to Canada.
2. Where are these trains going?? Obviously, NOT CHICAGO, if they are going to and from Canada, Why not choose rail lines through less populated areas??????????
3. When an 11 car passenger train car now passes through Barrington, traffic is backed up for 2 miles on #59. How long will these lines be when trains of 2 miles long travel through our community 26 times per day??
4. These trains obstruct traffic to our doctors, dentists, library, hospital, schools and work. We can not take alternate routes, because the trains travel across all of them-9 crossings. -also 3 crossings in Lake Zurich that would be lengthy options for us.
5. Did the impact study group simulate a day in Barrington with 26 freight trains 2 miles in length?? NO -they did not!!!!!! When we asked the gentleman why??-he said that the trains will be traveling 40 miles per hours and it will only take 5 minutes!! This is an unbelievable response. An 11 passenger train takes up to 3 minutes with the warnings.
6. Give us a trial day-They can even warn us in advance when the simulation will take place. Shut all 9 crossings at the appropriate times (traffic police at the stops) 26 times during the day -avoiding all of the passenger trains-of course. We will arrange to have our heart attacks the next day because we won't be able to get to the hospital. OR---- Take aerial photos of traffic and simulate the backup with 26 trains 2 miles in length in a 24 hour period. Of course these trains won't be making any noise.\
7. We need more PASSENGER TRAINS in Barrington. There are many of us wanting to travel into and From the city and sometimes we wait an hour or more for a train. How will our passenger service be affected??

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8. What is the safety record of THE CANADIAN RAILWAY?? DO YOU KNOW THAT THE BARRINGTON WATER TABLE IS SHALLOW??????????????

9 For whom does this transportation board work?? The train company or the citizens?? We hear that The board members upon retirement go to work for the train companies!! We know that you are appointed by the President of the United States and that you live in Washington D. C. Could you please come to see where we live and how we move??

This is a HUGE DECISION and we would expect for the 3 of you to drive every street where these foreign trains will cross - and to think about who benefits and who is at risk?

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