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Always I have been a supporter of railroads as opposed to the use of inefficient trucks burning fossil fuels which come primarily from middle eastern countries. When I moved to Frankfort Illinois 38 years ago there were still a few trains coming one block from our house on a now abandoned Michigan Central line and 5-10 trains coming through on the EJ&E railroad about 2 blocks south. I knew this and even though the trains on the EJ&E are loud and long I have managed to deal with it.

Now EJ&E wants to sell to Canadian National and dramatically increase the number of trains and the length of the trains. This will very negatively affect me personally and even more important the Village of Frankfort. For me, the noise pollution is most important. The whistles are loud and long from Harlem Avenue, from Sauk Trail and again from Center Road. Why is this necessary? A significant increase would be terrible!

An entirely new route 50-75 south of the metropolitan region to me seems like a much better solution. This is especially true since Canadian National had over 2 billion profit last year and could easily afford to build a new route through areas where the negative impact would be much less. Other much more positive possibilities also exist. Please make them consider them.

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