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Message: Dear STB officers,

I am deeply concerned about the probability of increased traffic congestion in our Northern Illinois communities as a result of the proposed purchase of EJ and E Railroad by the Canadian National Railway. The increase in the number of trains per day from 5 to 20 is troubling. That means that almost one train per hour will disrupt traffic and safety in our communities. I live in Deer Park, Illinois. My children go to school in nearby Lake Zurich. We need to cross the tracks several times per week to attend classes and get to local establishments. Most freight trains take 5-6 minutes to pass a crossing. I can imagine that this will mean a back-up of traffic on our already crowded roads. On one occasion, the train gates were stuck down in Lake Zurich. I was unable to pass and had to make a detour which cost me 30 minutes. The added time to wait for a train to cross almost hourly would certainly back up traffic! Also, some of the tracks pass behind Lake Zurich area schools. Currently, the trains passing blow their horns. This would disrupt classes on an hourly basis. Now, the trains mostly pass at night. I can hear them from my home which is two miles away from a train track. I can only imagine the increased noise if all trains blow their horns every hour. This causes noise disturbances for those living close to the tracks. Please consider a compromise and only allow 10 trains to pass per day. Even such a small increase from the current five, will be challenging for residents, but much more sensible than 20.

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