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Finance Docket #35087

I would like to comment on the acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad by the CN (Canadian National) Railroad along with their plans for its use.

First, I would like to understand how or why we can be selling our infrastructure to a foreign entity, because by allowing this, are we not selling off America? This great nation of ours was built on these very railroads. How as a nation can we sit idly by and continue to watch this happen. This was once our proud heritage, that is now being compromised.

Secondly, how as a community of working parents, can we allow the CN to implement their plans that impacts our lives so drastically. As a concerned parent, these tracks travel in the middle of homes and schools in which our children play, go to school & live! How do we allow a company (and a foreign one at that) come here & dictate how we live and operate?

I believe that we have this process all wrong, we should be considering what impact this has on our lives first and foremost then the environment's. What have we become as a nation when we let companies endanger our health & way of existence. There are elementary schools and daycare centers within in blocks of these tracks. Has anyone considered the possibilities of how this could affect their lives and the danger that exists. I would remind the board that we are gambling with the childrens well being! While I enjoy an occasional wager, this is one bet I'm not willing to gamble with! If something were to happen (God Forbid), could you look every single one of these children and their parents in the eye and tell them that the almighty dollar was more important than safety and well being! I for one couldn't sleep at night knowing that! I don't know how anyone else could. Would you have the same opinion if these were your children?

Thirdly, the CN's plans for increased traffic, from 6 trains a day to 28 to 35 trains a day is completely unacceptable. This area cannot and should not allow the effects of the CN's plan to disrupt & interfere with the daily life. On the freight trains that now travel through this area there can be a 10 or 15 minute wait, by adding 5 or 6 times the amount of trains, the congestion, along with the environmental impacts to the community would be tragic!

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What will become of children in the nearby communities and schools with the increased risks of accidents? Hazardous material should not and cannot be tolerated in our community! These tracks run right in back of schools and our subdivisions! How with any reasonable conscience can we even consider such an idea? I can't even begin to understand how this can be permitted or even be considered! These are our villages, our counties, our states, & our country! If you want to subject your community and your children to this, I say that is your right. These however are my kids, this is where I live, and my community, and I say NO!!!!!!!!!!

Aren't our children supposed to be our national treasure and our resource for the future? Is this how we subject our very own resources to even greater danger than we already do? Is this the message we send our very own children and the rest of the world? Again I say No, this should not be tolerated or considered! THIS IS MY AMERICA, AND I WANT IT BACK!!!!!!!!!! I urge to remove this off the agenda or docket, it does not have any merit to even be considered!

Again I say that the children are America's most prized resource! We need to take care of them first and foremost. It has to start at home, with our children, which is our future (I shouldn't have to remind anyone of that). In order to survive as a people, we need to take a stand. We need to say "Enough is Enough", and then make that happen. Protection of our youth shouldn't be an option, it should be a right, OUR RIGHT! Protection of America's youth is our future! If the United States of America is to prosper, we have to do this through our children! With taking care of our own, America can again regain the stature it once proudly held of being the world leader! Not just saying that we are but actually doing it! Let us lead by example, and let us start here & now. We hold the keys in our hands (the children). Let's turn that key together and start it up! May God have mercy on our souls if we don't!

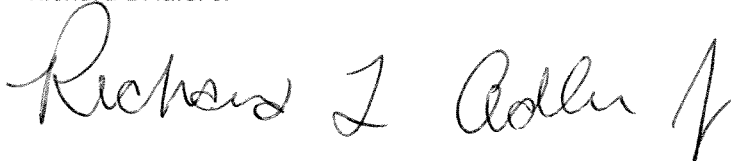
Do what's right, stop this before it becomes a tragedy! This should be stopped now before it's too late. Let's have the courage to say NO, and make our stand. Our kids are our future, let's protect them first, shall we! Instead of spreading the disease, let us instead spread the CURE!!!!

It matters not where one lives, but we as a people, standing together as one, to protect our young!! Remember, if they can do it in my neighborhood, they can do it in yours!!!!

Thank you for your time and effort, may it not be in vain!

Sincerely,

Richard L Adler Jr

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard L Adler Jr". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'R' and a stylized 'A'.

The following signatories are in protest of this action!

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