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Ms. Johnson-Ball

I am writing this letter to let you know of the concerns I have regarding CN Railroad's proposed purchase of the EJ&E Railroad. I live in Barrington, Illinois and in order to get out of my side street and onto the main street, Lake-Cook, I often have to wait because of the current trains that run on the EJ&E tracks. If the CN Railroad buys the tracks and train traffic increase as is proposed, it will be that much more difficult for me to get to work, go shopping, and get around in general in my community.

I am also concerned regarding the air quality, the noise, and the waste of gas while I and others have to sit in our cars and wait for the trains to pass.

I wondered what the decision-making process was- was money the main issue? And who benefits? What about the residents of our community? What about our concerns that have been clearly articulated by so many in our community and in other communities that will be affected?

PLEASE do not allow the CN Railroad to purchase the EJ&E and change the quality of life for so many individuals who live in the communities along these tracks. We all enjoy the convenience of the Metra train which brings us to the city and other communities and believe in the value of mass transit, but the CN is not for passengers- it is for commerce and profit- of another country!!

Sincerely,



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