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The Draft of the Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) is seriously flawed.

1. Increased fuel usage and its impact on climates changes have not been stated.
2. DEIS minimizes the effect that CN will have on the Metra rail commuter service. There will be commuter train delays if CN is able to proceed with their plans to acquire the EJ&E.
3. Emergency vehicles, fire, police and ambulance services are not fully reviewed. These services will definitely be delayed and these delays will have catastrophic results. People will not survive while they are waiting for help.
4. USA taxpayers will have to pay for improvements for the benefit of a foreign country.
5. DEIS does not address the affects on businesses and property values. Property values will plummet and businesses in the Barrington area will be forced to close.
6. DEIS do not consider the safety and well being of the children riding buses walking, or riding their bikes to and from school each day. If CN is allowed to acquire EJ&E there will be an accident.....
7. With CN's horrendous safety record, the chances of a hazardous material spill is greatly increased. According to a Canadian safety report, the increase in rail accidents in Canada over the last few years have caused serious repercussions in terms of human fatalities, and environmental damage. This report cited CN for several safety concerns. We do you want the same things to happen in the USA..
8. The list of affected grade crossings is flawed due to incorrect traffic vehicle counts.
9. The benefits to current CN line communities stating that there would be a reduction in the number of trains is unreliable, as there is nothing in writing from CN stating that fact. After a couple of years of fewer trains, these areas could see an increase in trains.
10. Benefits to certain regions are not detailed, so we are supposed to accept CN's commitment without anything in writing.
11. The expansion of Northwestern Indiana's commuter rail service is totally overlooked.

Please take into consideration the effects that will take place if CN is granted permission to acquire EJ&E.

**The consequences to Barrington and other communities
will be devastating.**

Choose quality of life over freight.

Sincerely,

**Patricia Karon
A concerned citizen**