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Ms. Victoria Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001
STB Docket number 35087

Dear Ms. Rutson,

We are residents of Hawthorn Woods that oppose the possible purchase of the EJ and E Railway by CN Railway.

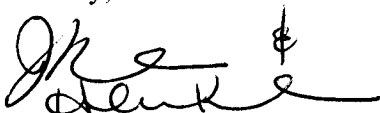
We live two streets down from the tracks that if purchased would block both of our major streets causing huge delays through out the day. Our major concerns are (1) the frequency of long heavily loaded round the clock freight trains (2) significant increases in vehicle traffic congestion (3) delays in police, fire and ambulance services (4) increased risk of collisions and derailments (5) transportation of considerable quantities of hazardous materials (6) noise and diesel engine exhaust pollution (7) safety and welfare of children and other residents, due to the locations of the tracks, it is next to our only neighborhood park that is in use all year round for soccer, baseball, tennis, softball, sledding, hockey, play area, swings, walking paths, summer concerts, annual firework display, etc.

We moved out here 12 years ago because of the peace, tranquility and safety of this village-this would be a disservice not to mention a negative impact on real estate values of this beautiful area.

My husband is a Doctor on staff at one of the nation's top 100 hospitals. When on call he needs to be able to get to the hospital as quickly as possible not to mention to his own patients at his private practice. This train is 10,000 feet long that could run as much as twenty four times a day, which would cause long delays in traffic.

Please help us maintain our beautiful village by opposing with us the purchase of the EJ and E Railway by Canadian National.

Sincerely,



Dr. and Mrs. James Kakos