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Having grown up in Barrington, IL I can easily imagine the disaster that awaits our town if the Canadian National Railway Company acquires the EJ&E railway line. I will list 8 reason why this is a humanitarian and environmental crisis. 1. The railway cuts directly through downtown Barrington. Many children, who live in town, walk to their schools every day. I don't think I need to describe the wretched accidents that will occur if 30 plus freight trains are plowing through town every day. 2. The railway travels through an environmental sanctuary. The vibrations, noise and pollution of the trains will clearly disrupt this land where wildlife is supposed to find REFUGE. 3. The unceasing vibrations of the trains will inevitably harm the very old foundations of many of the buildings and homes in town - some of which date back to the 1700's. 4. Route 59, which cuts through Barrington's downtown, is a major thoroughfare for trucks and cars. Traffic is already congested at rush hour. Adding freight train traffic (with each train being 7,500 - 10,000 feet in length) will make it impossible to get through town in less than 45 minutes. 5. Moreover, this kind of traffic congestion will deter consumers from shopping in Barrington. Consequently, all the lovely, boutique and specialty item stores will fail - thus, ruining all of the small business and individual peoples' livelihoods. 6. The congestion and noise and pollution will also deter new families from buying houses in Barrington. This, along with the lack of small businesses, will certainly hurt Barrington's larger economy. 7. And, what of the people who currently live in Barrington, especially near the railroad track? It is a bold and ultimately incorrect assumption to think that those who live there welcome the noise and pollution into their yards and homes. 8. It is cruel and unnecessary that a company with \$8 billion in revenue and \$2 billion in profits already, needs to undermine the lives of many simply for more money.

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