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This is in response to the Canadian National Railway Acquisition and the effect that it will have on me, my neighbors, and my community.

Currently, the number of trains that pass next to our neighborhood is not that intrusive, however, with this sale, I fear that this number will grow exponentially, making the home and community that I take so much pride in, unbearable.

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In order to exit our subdivision and drive to major intersections, shopping, work, & schools, it is necessary to cross the railroad tracks. Can you imagine the time wasted and frustration if we were stopped even more often than we already are? How can buses with our children be able to get to school safely & on time? How can our residents get to work without adding an additional 'train time' allowance on to their commute? How can we guarantee emergency vehicles can make it to our homes if they're stuck by trains? How can you guarantee that these tracks are even safe?

These are my main concerns, however, the other 'complaint' is that already, we are awoken or bothered by train whistles. Will this be increasing 10 fold? A nuisance that we have grown to live with will soon be unbearable. Add to the fact that we also feel a shaking when trains go by, will our foundation be severely affected by the increased traffic?

I also have some very strong environmental concerns, as the train tracks travel through a beautiful sanctuary and I fear that increased traffic would ruin this for the large and protected habitat.

I ask you to take these concerns to heart. This is quite serious to myself, and the many people that I live around. Honestly, I am not against progress, but this seems a bit extreme. There is no way to get out of my subdivision without going over railroad tracks, I do not wish to be stopped everytime I leave my home, or listen to four times the number of intrusively loud whistles, or fear for the safety of individuals in the area.

HR

Thank you.
Katherine Taylor