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From what I have read in the local newspapers, CNN anticipates making a great deal of money from the proposed aquisition. I have always been in favor of people making money. And I believe that this aquisition can be a win/win proposition for the railroad and the areas that are host to the EJ&E railbeds. My concern is the potential severe decline in the standard of living for those who live in these areas. This, however, can be avoided with an investment in infrastructure on the part of CNN. The EJ&E tracks cross the access to our local hospital, high school, library, fire station and downtown business center at various points. As a double bypass recipient, I in no way want to see the access to the hospital limited by freight trains. I am also concerned that the quality of life will be impacted by the proposed 20 additional trains blowing their whistles at all hours of the night as they pass through these ground level crossings. Many people who ordinarily leave their windows open during the summer, myself included, will switch to air conditioning to avoid the noise. This is going to add to our pollution in the area.

Therefore, the only sensible solution is to require CNN to either add overpasses or underpasses to the crossings in the area. This will be financed by the profits generated by this aquisition. However, I believe that the number of trains on CNN line should be frozen at the 4 or 5 that currently using the lines until after the crossing improvements have been added. I believe that this will be the win/win that I mentioned above.

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