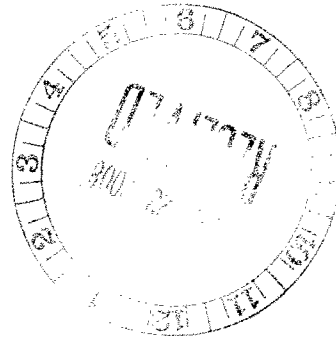


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RE: Canadian National Railway Acquisition of the
 Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway -- Docket # 35087

Dear Mr. Chairman and Board Members:

It is with regret that we are writing you about this matter of great concern. We now join our friends, neighbors and tens of thousands of other deeply concerned fellow citizens throughout our region, in appealing to you not to approve the proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway (EJ&E) by the Canadian National Railway (CN). In light of the potentially devastating consequences of this proposed acquisition, we look to you, our appointed leaders and decision makers, to protect our right to a safe, peaceful and unobstructed environment, to preserve the tranquility and value of our property, and generally safeguard our community against previously unknown and unreasonable hazards and risks.

The great groundswell of opposition that has arisen is all about the impacts - and they are very real, not exaggerated or imagined. The lives of tens of thousands of U.S. citizens will be forever negatively changed. I would ask you to pause and consider the following in the neighborhood where you and your family live: 1) frequent, long, heavily-loaded, round-the-clock intermodal freight trains, 2) depressed residential property values, 3) significant increases in roadway traffic and congestion, 4) police and fire vehicle blockages/delays, 5) collisions or derailments with or without hazardous material involvement, 6) noise and diesel exhaust pollution, 7) disruption of commuter rail services and 8) the general safety and well-being of children and other residents.

Gentlemen, on the CN side of this equation it is pure business and corporate self-interest; a quest to become the number one transportation company in the world. CN continues to show us thoughtless disregard and indifference for the effects of their ambitions on our lives and in our communities. Nowhere do they discuss or meaningfully address the devastating and very real impacts they will impose on us, as they seek to write the next chapter in their company history. Please stand with us and protect our rights, not the business interests of a private, foreign company. If you approve this acquisition there's no going back, and the new reality you will have imposed on us will most certainly only worsen over time.

Very Truly Yours,

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