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Subject: The impact of the Canadian National plan to buy EJ&E on our living environment.

Dear Sirs/Madams;

Rarely have there been propositions so imminently threatening than the proposed purchase of EJ&E by Canadian National on the lifestyle, environment, and safety of our family and home.

The threats we are most concerned about are as follows;

1. The safety of our children with regard to school bus crossings.
2. The incredible increase in noise and vibration.
 - a. We are less than 150 yards from the railroad tracks.
 - b. The vibration from the current rail traffic already has an impact on our foundation.
3. Traffic is already heavy in the areas where there are crossings, specifically Old McHenry Road and Gilmer Road.
 - a. An increase in rail traffic will most definitely cause a major increase in traffic congestion.
 - b. We are dependent on Fire response that has to cross the tracks to reach our neighborhood and the increase in traffic will slow the emergency response time.
4. The safety record of Canadian National is also a major concern.

Thank you for your consideration.

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