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The acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad by the Canadian National Corp will be the worst disaster to hit the Barrington Community (and other communities on it's line) ever. What is so very sad is that it is a "man-made" disaster.

Floods and storms can hurt any community but through rebuilding and time, the damage is repaired and life goes back to normal. But the damage that will be inflicted by Canadian National will never be reversed or repaired or corrected. It will never be normal again when 20 super-long freight trains pass through Barrington each day.

Currently, we already have mild traffic congestion at peak hours and when our commuter trains pass through. But the delays are manageable because only a few intersections are temporarily blocked and the Metra train delays are short. This will not be the case with the EJ&E Railroad line when every possible intersection in Barrington will be completely bottlenecked by the freight trains. There are NO alternate paths when the EJ&E train track is being used.

School buses can't deliver our children to school, paramedics can't reach the hospital, police can't respond, local businesses will suffer. Each of us will pay the price in lost time and money via wasted gas and the lost of property values plus awful noise and pollution. This just doesn't have to happen.

The Surface Transportation Board must say NO to the Canadian National's plan.

Please don't let an unfixable and life-long "Man-Made" disaster take place in our community when it is completely avoidable.

Sincerely,

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