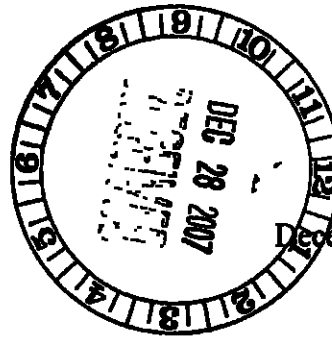




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Re. Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT OF
Gerald Haan
A homeowner in Lansing, IL.**

My name is Gerald Haan and I am a homeowner living at 2023 Hearth Cir , Lansing, Illinois. I have lived in Lansing most of my life I am writing to express my support for Canadian National's acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern (EJ&E)

It is my understanding that the acquisition would result in a reduction of train traffic through our town, I believe from 20 trains daily to seven This would have a significant positive impact on the quality of life in Lansing and the surrounding communities. The positive impacts are numerous. There would be less delays getting around in town and in the surrounding communities The Grand Trunk line cuts across most of the main access roads in our community, and since it runs diagonally through town, usually cannot be avoided The numerous interruptions we experience in our homes both day and night would be reduced In the summer, many people cannot sleep with their windows open because of the noise associated with the trains Also our communities have to have emergency services available on both sides of the tracks because of the numerous times that stopped/slow trains disrupt traffic If those interruptions can be reduced by more than half, that will have a very positive impact on the quality of education

Also, I can speak for the thousands of people who live in the area along the tracks I know that they moved in knowing they were going to be near a rail line, but over the years the frequency of trains has increased significantly and has a negative impact on the peace and quiet of our lives If there is a means to reduce the frequency of train traffic on the Grand Trunk line that runs through this area, I am sure they would all be supportive of that reduction

In summary, I urge you to approve the changes necessary to reduce the amount of disruptive train traffic passing through this congested area

Gerald Haan

Gerald Haan, homeowner
Lansing, IL.