

Regarding: Docket # 35087

Dear Legislator,

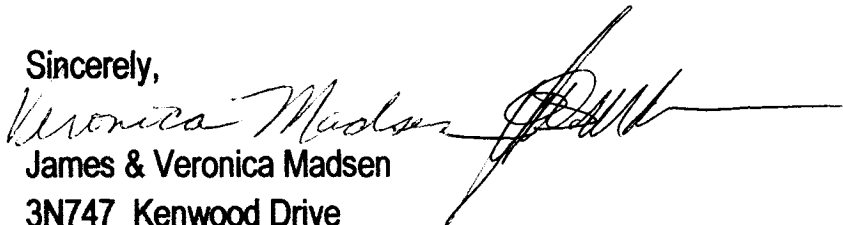
As a constituent in your district, I am asking your help in preventing the purchase of the E, J, & E Railroad by the Canadian National Railroad. It is a purchase that will affect our county, cities and villages.

I oppose this purchase for a number of reasons:

- Increase of trains from 4 to 24 per day, bringing with it the accompanying noise, vibration and pollution.
- Impact on traffic on northbound Route 59 and western streets such as Stearns Road and Smith Road. Three point train turn-arounds could tie up traffic for extended periods of time.
- Interference with Emergency vehicles, police, fire and ambulance with a train per hour, and engines pulling one hundred plus cars.
- The potential for hazardous waste spills, especially since our village depends on well and septic systems, and toxins would flow easily into the water supply.
- Impact on Pratt's Wayne Woods Forest Preserve.

The Canadian Railroad already has a route. The acquisition of the E, J, & E Railroad would be at the expense of citizens that live in the areas that border the railroad. Please fight this purchase as it would negatively impact our well-being, our environment, property values and safety.

Sincerely,


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