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As residents of south Naperville, living approximately one mile from the E,J & J Railroad, we are writing to voice our strong opposition to the acquisition of E,J & J Railroad by Canadian National Railway. In the vicinity of our home, the railroad tracks are bordered by residential areas, both east and west of the tracks. We can clearly hear the current rail traffic from our home. The proposed increased rail traffic of up to two trains per hour is unacceptable, and incompatible with the residential surroundings. Furthermore, there are several district schools in close proximity to the tracks. Increased rail traffic to the proposed level would be an unfortunate disruption to the educational process, as well as a potential hazard, depending on cargo loads. Additionally, there is a parcel of land to the east of the tracks, nearly adjacent, that is owned by the park district and is slated to develop recreational playing fields and parks. Once again, the added train traffic can do nothing except discourage its use by adding to already congested traffic and existing noise levels. The children deserve, and as tax paying residents, we deserve safe and peaceful recreational areas. I currently work in Oswego, just west of my south Naperville neighborhood, and I cross the E,J & J railroad tracks every day to get there. I can attest to the fact that the current rail traffic already causes traffic back ups and delays, and the current two-lane road (Wolf's Crossing) that is a vital link between Naperville and our neighbors to the west, is entirely outdated and insufficient to handle the traffic caused by the delays that will inevitably occur. It is imperative that the Surface Transportation Board take into consideration all factors, such as these mentioned, in examining the proposed acquisition of E,J & J by Canadian National. We strongly feel that the proposed plan is entirely incompatible with its surroundings, and would be a detriment to the environment and our quality of life in every possible way. Thank you for your consideration.

Steve and Wendy Dressel

Surface Transportation Board

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