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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my concern on the CN merger and increased traffic on EJ&E lines through the outer suburbs of Chicago in particular Mundelein, Hawthorn Woods, and Barrington, IL. This merger will be detrimental to all our communities where the infrastructure isn't there to support this merger. CN should have to pay for all infrastructure improvements including all over and under passes where existing EJ&E lines are located. I can only begin to tell you that with this merger, our communities will be negatively impacted. Please take a drive through one of these communities during a Chicagoland area rush hour and it will become crystal clear of what a nightmare this merger will bring.

Our current infrastructure cannot support this merger and I don't believe

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that as a hard working citizen that I should be paying for improvements for a Canadian company to make more profits without the lack of regard to tax payers and lives in these communities. Increased freight train traffic on these lines will cost human lives at the expense of dollars. Profits shouldn't be realized when current infrastructure isn't in place. It will hurt the economic vitality of this region and will only exasperate already problematic transportation issues especially in the communities mentioned above.

Many of us have to travel over these tracks to get to our place of employment including myself. We have mile long backups without the trains and increased traffic on these lines. This merger doesn't make sense all the way around without a commitment from CN that infrastructure improvements will be made to all existing EJ&E lines. They should only be allowed to move forward after all improvements are made and assuming that this would take years, it should not be allowed to move forward.

Thank you for your time

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