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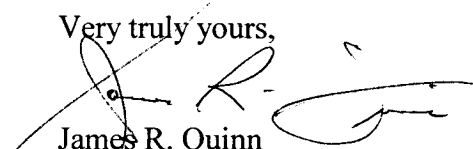
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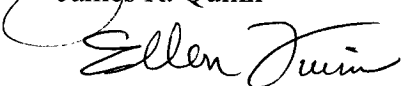
To whom it may concern:

We strongly object to Canadian National Railways proposed acquisition of the EJ&E tracks which will encircle Chicago by traveling through 20 or so suburbs, including Frankfort. If approved, this change would increase rail freight from 6 to 28 trains a day, some of those trains being a mile to two miles long and, in some cases, carrying hazardous materials. These trains not only would create a noise factor but also increase safety concerns as a number of roads could be blocked for 10 to 20 minutes at a time. In addition, it could certainly impact on taxes as the railroads traditionally have only to pay 5-10% of the costs and that could be in the hundreds of millions, if not the billion dollar area.

It is absurd to make such an unnecessary change for the benefit of a foreign corporation which last year made \$2 billion. It is even more absurd that not only would so many individuals' daily lives be disrupted, but that our citizens in these economic times should be burdened with virtually the entire cost.

Very truly yours,


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