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I am a citizen of Barrington, Il. Having lived in my home for 43 years I can tell you that the congestion that is caused by the E&J is already intolerable at the railroad crossings in this town. Traffic on Hwy 14 can be backed up past Fox River Grove, Cary and almost to Crystal Lake. Traffic on Hwy 59 is equally as bad. I live within 2 blocks of 3 of the E&J crossings and see everyday exactly the mess that it causes.

I also live 3 blocks from the fire and police department BUT they are on the opposite side of the tracks. Our hospital is also on the "wrong" side of the tracks. The delays in our public services caused by this new proposal would be catastrophic in the very likely event of an emergency.

At the Makray public hearing on Jan. 9 the CNR only provided the answer of "Build a new police and fire station, build a new hospital". We just did that!! The E&J presently comes within a few hundred feet of our high school which is of great concern if CNR is carrying petrochemicals or other hazardous materials. I find their answers to our questions to be flip, uncaring, insensitive and smug. We in this community feel that they are not listening to our concerns and are of course only thinking of their profits.

Please do not let them tear apart this and other old and valued communities. Do not approve of this acquisition.

Thank you for your attention.

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