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Ms. Victoria Rutson
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Dear Ms. Rutson,

Re: STB Docket number 35087

I am deeply concern over the proposed purchase of the EJ&E by Canadian National. Millions of Illinois residents would be negatively impacted if this was approved. It puts the safety of our community in grave jeopardy. I fear disastrous consequences would result if this purchase were allowed. Many residents' lives would be in danger as a result of emergency vehicles being unable to get past the frequent and long trains, not to mention the potential for numerous accidents with children. Additionally, what control will the community have, over a company from a foreign government, in restraining the toxic chemicals brought through our environment?

What steps have been taken to ensure that the structures closest to the tracks can endure this heavy train traffic? The vibration will probably destroy many of them. The life savings of many residents are invested in their homes. If this purchase is approved, their homes would depreciate dramatically.

Moreover, how are all of these communities going to address the drastic increase in traffic congestion? The congestion is already bad...the addition of this overwhelming train traffic will make it catastrophic.

Hopefully we can depend upon our government to protect us from this disaster.

Thank you for your support.
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