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Phyllis Johnson-Ball,

What a huge problem we have!!! The acquisition of EJ&E Railroad will surely devastate our area!

I am a Deer Park resident; I own a beautiful home on the corner of Cuba Road and Rainbow Rd, one block from the Cuba Road crossing. Currently with only four trains a day at this crossing the traffic becomes so backup that drivers turn their vehicles around to beat the train and speed up my street (Rainbow Rd) at speeds of 45 and 50 mph. What will happen when there are 24 trains a day at this crossing? How many angry motorists and traffic accidents will there be if its acquisition is allowed to happen?

Furthermore, I own and operate a business in an industrial Park on Telser Rd in Lake Zurich. The industrial park is surrounded by three of the four main Rail Road Crossings in the area (East Main St, Old Rand Rd and the Oakwood Road crossings). Not only will my home investment suffer but my business as well. The delays in traveling around the area will be huge. Am I angry?...YOU BET I AM! Something has to be done to stop this.

If the mortgage crisis wasn't enough for homeowners to deal with, now we have this acquisition that will certainly cause unrepairable damage and loss of equity. Not only will my home will be devalued but also my business will suffer greatly from delays caused by the added rail traffic all around our industrial site.

Everyone in this area will suffer from this acquisition. Our school-aged children will be put in jeopardy as well as experiencing the same delays on a daily basis. This proposition will have such a huge **NEGATIVE** impact on our community and I do not believe any good can come from CNN's purchase of EJ&E Railroad. Please do whatever you can do to help put a stop to this harmful acquisition.

With my sincerest concern,

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