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Surface Transportation Board
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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to you regarding the CN purchase of the EJ and E Railroad. The EJ and E Railroad has numerous crossings in our school district. Our school district has serious concerns with this purchase. Please note the points below:

SAFETY:

We are very concerned that this purchase will result in very unsafe conditions for our children. Currently we have 7 crossings in our school district. With a major increase of trains on these rails we will increase unsafe conditions throughout the district.

We are a fast growing school district and we are expected to expand from 2,400 students to 4,000 by 2014. Major enrollment increases will magnify this problem.

One of our crossings does not even have gates (116th Street just north of Laraway Road) to protect our children and buses. Just to the north of the 116th St. crossing we have a development of homes going in that will bring in approximately 450 new students that will be crossing this dangerous set of rails to get to and from school.

TRANSPORTATION AND TIME DELAYS:

It has been reported that if this sale goes through, train traffic in our community will increase from 8 trains per day to 31 trains per day. We operate 3 schools of 800 children which are all on different starting and ending times. To accommodate the children of these schools it requires 6 complete runs of the school district per day. In addition to this we have an extended day kindergarten program that dismisses at 1:30 p.m. which requires another run of the district. Add to this 2 more runs per day when the high school buses will come in contact with these crossings. This totals 9 times per day that the schools will need to cross all of these tracks. I think you can see that with 31 trains per day there will be major delays that will negatively impact school starting times, children waiting on corners, student's arrival home and instruction.

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