



How Congress Can Stop Canadian National

Dear Neighbor,

For the past seven months I have voiced my opposition to the proposed acquisition of the EJ&E rail line by Canadian National. Like you, I realize how detrimental such a purchase would be to our property values, our community and our very way of life. Without real leadership on this most critical issue, we can expect 20 additional trains a day traveling 40 miles per hour cutting right through the heart of our community.

While our local leaders and neighbors have stepped forward to defeat this purchase, our current representative in Washington has done very little of substance. However, there are legislative options available that are not being utilized and these options would be quite effective in fighting against this devastating acquisition by Canadian National. As your candidate for Congress in the 8th Congressional District I would like to share with you my plan of action against Canadian National's acquisition.

- First, I would ask Congress to direct the Department of Homeland Security to conduct a full investigation of the national security implications of this foreign takeover of an American rail company before the takeover can occur. In 2006, during the Dubai World Ports scandal, House Republicans inserted similar language into a bill (HR 4939 3/15/2006).
- Second, I would propose legislation to restrict the number of cars and the speed of Canadian National's trains moving through the United States. CN's plan to run their trains in excess of 40 miles per hour, combined with their poor safety record, is a real concern for the citizens of our community.
- Last, I would ask Congress to mandate a specific funding formula for mitigation (grade changes, noise reduction, etc.) on the purchase of U.S. railroads by foreign corporations (85% foreign entity; 10% federal; 5% state). Canadian National should fund the necessary rail improvements, not the taxpayers of our community. The funding formula must be agreed upon to get final approval.

The citizens of communities through which the EJ&E travels deserve the right to be represented from the floor of the Congress on this issue. Think of what is at stake: our homes, our schools, our businesses, our hospitals, our environment, our safety and even our futures. The primary responsibility of our government is to protect its citizens, and we can demand nothing less from our leadership in Washington.

Every one of the actions I have outlined is well within Congress' authority to pass and many are backed by precedent. All that is lacking is the political will to enact them. With your help I will work tirelessly to fight against Canadian National so we can prevent this purchase and avoid the devastating impact it would have on our community.

Go to my website, www.steveforus.com, to get more information on this issue and to join my campaign as we fight against this transaction. You may also call my office at 847-726-0808. Together we can secure a better future for our community—one that does not include Canadian National!

Sincerely,

Steve Greenberg
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