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As a resident of New Lenox and Will County, Illinois, I strongly oppose the sale of the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railway to the Canadian National Railway.

Will County is one of the most rapidly growing counties in the country outside the South and West. Other than I-80, most locals need to use US 30 which in some areas is only two lanes wide, as it was in the 1940s. While most trains run parallel, much of our community is north or south of US 30 and the railroad tracks. With more freight trains and longer trains, the traffic bottlenecks will grow worse.

Just yesterday, we learned of a passenger-freight train collision near Los Angeles, resulting in at least 17 deaths. Our commuter trains, Metra, use tracks on a frequent daily basis. Long, slow 2-3 mile trains will block several key intersections at a single time, run risk of more fatal accidents, interfere with quick rail access to Chicago, delay emergency medical, fire, and police access, and slow auto and truck traffic in an area which expects continued population growth.

This sale should NOT be approved.