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Congresswoman Melissa Bean
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RE: Canadian National Encroachment into the Northwest Suburbs

Dear Congresswoman Bean,

As a registered voter in the state of Illinois, I encourage you to take action against Canadian Nationals plans to purchase the EF&E railroad line.

By allowing this purchase to proceed, this would present the greatest single disruptive influent on the Lake Zurich community of any project that has been proposed. Let me point out:

- We have been informed there would be an increase in the number of trains to a minimum of 20 a day. The number will increase over time.
- Over 200 grade bus crossings a day in District 95 causing delays and safety risk to children
- Lake Zurich High School and May Whitney are right next to the train line causing safety risk and noise interference
- Foglia YMCA is less than 1/2 mile from the train line causing safety risk
- Traffic pattern changes increasing congestion on Rainbow Road, Deer Path in Lake Zurich and Rand Road and Route 22
- Emergency response (e.g., Ambulance, Fire Trucks) delays as they'll need to take alternative routes.
- The additional pollution to wetlands will have irreversible consequences.

As an elected official, I implore you to defend Northern Illinois against a transaction that will have enormous repercussions on the area's freight movement for decades to come. It is vital that this project stopped or at least get substantial mitigation.

Thanks in advance for your support,


Randall Ishikawa

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