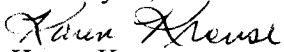


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My name is Karen Krouse. I, my husband, and daughter live in New Lenox. We oppose the proposed purchase of the EJ&E Railway by the Canadian National Railway. This will impact our community negatively. There are no over or under passes of the railway. Therefore, in an emergency situation, a fire truck, ambulance, police protection is halted due to the increase of trains. This interrupt of service is a safety issue of costing people their lives. Also, these trains will carry hazardous materials. That increases the possibility of a disastrous tragedy, due to an accident. This would also add noise pollution to the neighborhood of blasting horns every hour and uproar of barreling trains passing thru. I strongly urge you to consider the detrimental affect this will have on our community, as well as surrounding towns.

Thank you,

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