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To Whom It May Concern:

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Picture for a moment fifth graders unable to hear their teacher due to hourly freight train traffic. Imagine parks and play areas within walking distance of ever present noxious diesel fumes, or an ambulance unable to reach a heart attack victim, while waiting behind a rail crossing.

This letter is about a proposal to create just such situations: Docket No. 35087. I am extremely concerned about CN's proposal to use the EJ&E railroad tracks passing through the south eastern area of Frankfort, Illinois, for the passage of more than 28 trains a day.

Aside from the environmental impact, such increased usage would wreak havoc on the traffic patterns in Frankfort and neighboring communities. Many roads in this area end in cul de sacs or other dead-end configurations. Few viaducts exist to allow for passage under the tracks. Furthermore, the increased traffic will result in dangerous delays to emergency response vehicles, impede the safe conduct of children to and from school on buses, and dramatically disrupt the flow of traffic throughout the neighborhood.

CN has suggested a 370% increase in average daily traffic. The impact will be catastrophic. Chemical emissions and particulate load, increased noise, and the smell and hazard of diesel are among only the more mundane of negative effects.

It is my strident request for this proposal to be rejected. If this cannot be accomplished, I encourage this Board to take meaningful and urgent steps to demonstrate your earnest commitment to the safety of the affected communities.

I have lived all around the Chicago area. Frankfort is nice little town, with churches, charming shops and adorable children - like towns everywhere. When reviewing this proposal, please consider your own family, and the impact such an industrial-level change would have on them.

Respectfully,



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