

September 22, 2008

Dear STB,

I along with my four family members reside in Plainfield, Illinois. We live just west of the railroad tracks located at 135th St. and U.S. Hwy 30. We are writing in reference to the sale of EJ&E West Company. We have learned that if the sale goes through that the trains will be much more frequent (average of 42 per day, now its 16) and the length will go to two miles. Plainfield is no longer a "farm" community. We are a very fast growing community with many families. Our concerns are the extra noise, longer waits, inability to get to medical care (the tracks are in the way of the "urgent care" clinic and the closest hospital in Aurora), there are no fire stations on the west side of the tracks, and there could be an environmental concern with the tracks going right through the bird sanctuary located between Renwick Rd., U.S. HWY 30, and Lockport St. Please reconsider this sale. One of the main prospective buyers is Canadian owned. Do you think they care about the people of the United States? Or are they all business? By the sound of the frequency of trains and lengths, they are all business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith Elrod".

Keith Elrod
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