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I am writing in opposition to the merger of Canadian National with the EJ&E line in its current form. I know an environmental study has taken place, but it is important to weigh ALL negative environmental effects to the public against the small gains of the railroad. I do not feel that this has been adequately done or reflected in the report. There is definite concern for safety issues of our emergency personnel. There is only one way to access our house from Joliet (our emergency town) without being impeded by the tracks. It is Weber Road, further out of the way and it goes OVER the same tracks. Why aren't more "overpasses" in your plan. Also, I travel over the tracks 6 times on a normal day and my husband crosses them in several places on his way to/from work. If the merger goes through, and the train traffic increases as expected, myself and countless other cars will be polluting the area during our waits for the trains. Please make sure you consider that as well. Are they just moving the air pollution from where it is now to our area. Please consider all of these when you make your final decision. Please make sure you consider the impact it will have on our safety, congestion, and pollution of our lives in order for this other railway to make money while disrupting our existence. If there is no other alternative and it must go through, at the very least, change the plan to force CN to pay for some of the changes that must be made and have them make more than just the bare minimum. The plan as it stands leaves us the taxpayer footing the bill for things they should have to fix. It should require them to help out in more than the few troubled areas, but across the board to lessen the impact to the average person, monetarily so we are not using our taxes for it and making more overpasses or something to help with the flow of traffic. Thank you for your time and consideration. Michelle Ciarlette