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As a homeowner, I will be impacted tremendously by the increased rail traffic as proposed with the acquisition of the EJ&E by Canadian National. The current railway traffic by EJ & E does cause vibration within my residence when speeds are not monitored and freight loads are heavy.

The impression I have of this resultant increase will be that from Marry Poppin's, in which we would have to maintain our posts and catch objects so they do not break. Although this may be an exaggeration, I'm sure no one is interested in living in a home that has constant vibration from railway traffic. I purchased a home in a quiet and peaceful neighborhood. In recent months with the onset of this purchase, I believe railway speeds have been mitigated in order to enhance acceptance of this uncomfortable change. Now, once all transactions have finalized, what recourse do I have as a resident to report speeding trains that rattle my home and my nerves. I would like to consider moving, but I know I will take a bath in real estate values due to the impending purchase, current market conditions and the neighborhood signs signaling objection to this proposal.

I would like to be compensated the entire value of my home, since I won't be able to live with this noise and impact and won't be able to adequately sell my home. We are talking \$600,000 in loss and I am but one homeowner on the rail line. My home is about 100 yards from the tracks.

My research has shown that much of the CN's maintenance of tracks has been poor leading to the potential for a compete hazard virtually in my front yard. The amount of traffic proposed is more than 10 times what is currently carried out on this rail line. The tracks are probably not adequate for this amount of traffic. The potential to have a derailment in such close proximity to homes is astounding and frightening.

The potential for government to put business and revenues, as well as, the potential revenues for a short-term event like the Olympics ahead of the interest of citizens, their happiness and their homes is appalling. I have no respect for a government that would not take the concerns of well meaning citizens that pay more than \$10,000 per home in taxes as poor representation. Our declaration of independence highlights our rights to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness". My home has been a source of happiness from its onset of making the choice to build, to selecting the tile, cabinets and overall look and feel. I feel like my very freedom to pursue such happiness is being threatened.

I vehemently voice my disapproval of disrupting my neighborhood. I would sooner see a bike path in place of a railroad through my neighborhood. Please hear my voice and respect me as a citizen, a tax payer, and a neighbor, your neighbor - who just wants to live in the peaceful, quiet neighborhood where we built our home.

Sincerely,

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