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Message: I want to state my opposition to the CN acquisition of the EJ&E lines. The communities along the EJ&E lines have grown up around these lines with a certain expectation as to the amount of traffic and the kinds of materials that would be shipped on the lines. With the CN acquisition it all changes. Significantly more railroad traffic and types of containers will be added to the lines. The communities do not have the ability to re-route traffic and the homes/businesses that are along the rail lines now face a greater risk of an accident occurring with containers of potentially hazardous materials. In these tight economic times the communities/counties do not have the funds to build bridges over/under/around the tracks. In the community of Barrington the tracks cross at least 3 crucial points thereby cutting the town in half. All of the fire stations are on one half of the town. What does the other half of the town do in an emergency when there is a train? There are 3 major roads that go through downtown Barrington and the RR tracks cut across all 3 of them. These are major county to county arteries that right now are almost over capacity. I am a small business owner in Barrington whose business is 4 blocks from the tracks. The addition of the CN trains would deter a significant amount of business. Please, rethink this. The communities where these trains have already been passing through in the City of Chicago were built up with the understanding of what type of traffic would be on these lines.