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I have lived in Lake Zurich for more than 20 years. Like many families in this area we have experienced job lay-offs. And like all parents I yearn for my children to inherit a better world.

When I heard of the Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation's purchase of the EJ&E West Company tracks I did some research. I learned that the Canadian National Railway Company has an excellent record of keeping the tracks in good repair so that trains can run at their faster speed. A faster train goes through a crossing far more quickly with less disruption in traffic.

I support this purchase because I believe in the long-run it will make this area a better place to live when you consider both the environment and the better prospects economic improvements.

More trains means less trucks on the road. Making our roads safer and in need of less repair. More trains mean less gas is used to move products. Therefore, less fossil fuel consumption and we decrease our carbon footprint. More trains make our area more attractive to business by allowing products to move efficiently and with less cost to the business than using trucks.

I know that the bottom-line motivator for all of us is "what's in it for me?" Given the objective information and looking long-term in what's best in the long-term, I believe that the Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation's purchase of the EJ&E West Company tracks should be approved.

Thank you,



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