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U. S. Surface Transportation Board
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SUBJECT: Docket No. 35087

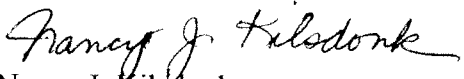
I am writing in regard to the sale of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway to the Canadian National Railway. PLEASE do not approve this sale as you will immobilize thousands of residents who live in communities along these railroad tracks.

My husband and I poured our life savings into what we thought would be our retirement home in a small subdivision of custom homes in the Dayfield Subdivision of Plainfield. We thought we liked our 3-bedroom, brick ranch home on a cul-de-sac until we heard about Canadian National Railway wanting to increase rail traffic at least fivefold in this area. Any route we take from our home, we cross railroad tracks. As it is, there are times in the morning heading to work, in the evening returning home, and on weekends, when traffic is backed up for miles due to the trains. Often times, one can't go through green lights at intersections due to traffic backups for the trains. What a nightmare it would be if the rail traffic is increased even slightly, much less the increase in rail traffic that Canadian National Railway plans. Not only would it paralyze us, but there are 133 at-grade crossings in Will County at which residents would be affected. What would this increase in rail traffic do to our property values? Who would want to live in our subdivisions along this railway then? How would you like to be waiting for an ambulance or fire truck that is stopped for rail traffic at one of these 133 at-grade crossings?

We have been concerned with this issue for months and have been following it closely. During meetings with officials throughout the area, the representatives from Canadian National Railway have stated that the sale is a "done deal," and agree to do very little to help solve the problems caused by what would be a tremendous increase in rail traffic. Such arrogance Canadian National has in regard to this sale!

It shouldn't take a costly environmental study to tell the U. S. Surface Transportation Board not to allow this sale, as common sense tells one the sale is a terrible idea. Awaiting your reply --

Sincerely,


Nancy J. Kilsdonk