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The proposed Canadian National Railway's takeover of the EJ&E railroad will have several detrimental effects on our community. I live in Aurora close to the "at grade" crossing of the EJ&E on 83rd/Montgomery Road. If the Canadian National Railway takeover is allowed to proceed as currently planned, the train traffic will increase by more than four times to almost two freight trains per hour 24 hours a day. Here are a few of the concerns:

1. There are several schools in the vicinity. Buses must cross the the tracks in order to transport students to and from school.
2. The traffic at the many "at grade" crossings is already very congested due to current volume of trains. With the addition of 30+ trains every day the traffic would be completely unmanageable.
3. Additional pollution and invasiveness to the green belt around the tracks and to the wildlife that resides there.
4. Currently the train horns and whistles are ear shattering for two miles or more on either side of the tracks.
5. With two trains per hour the emergency services that support our community would be adversely affected. Police and ambulance responsiveness will suffer with lives and health impacted in our community.
6. Additional train traffic will also decrease safety, especially with many "at grade" crossings.
7. The additional vibration created could negatively affect the foundations and structure for homes directly adjacent to the tracks.

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