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As I lay a wakened from my sleep by an EJ&E train (windows open because of the wonderful night breeze), I only partially realize how many sleepless nights might be in-store, if you allow the CN purchase of the EJ&E. While there seem to be numerous rules in place covering loud car stereos and car horn blowing, as well as curfews for loud parties and construction. There seem to be none in place for the blowing of train horns and whistles. Nor, for blocking important (often life saving) intersections, or just sitting idling noisily by our homes (while depositing soot and fumes for our children and trees). I can't imagine as a tax payer, the desire to pay for this.

I often thought it was bad having a train in a downtown area, until I realized it would be even worse where families are living. It will be a darn shame if the children of our neighborhood cannot walk to their new high school across the one lane track. I also dread the day or night that a young driver (or any driver) should become impatient or upset with the long delays and decides to try to out run one of the back to back trains of the future. I'm guessing it might become a requirement to learn CPR & Child birthing, as the emergency services to many areas will also be cut off.

I once wished for an Airport 2000, it never happened and I believe now, it was for the better. Now, I think about wishing for a CN 2009 in hopes that it too will go away, I believe for the better! Please think about our lives, our homes, our environment and our country when you make a decision like the one you are dealing with. Thanks for your concern, ***Jerry Johnson***