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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to officially register our complaint against adverse changes to activity on the EJ&E. By adverse I am referring to any change that would increase the number of trains passing on a daily basis, no matter what time of day that may occur.

We purchased a home in Hawthorn woods 9 months ago and our property line is directly next to the EJ&E tracks. We researched the local EJ&E activity before our purchase and it listed a possible two trains, morning and evening. Since moving in, we do average two per day, sometimes none and sometimes about four daily on the weekends.

For the most part these have been relatively quiet and slow moving.

We are deeply concerned that increase in activity by sale or otherwise will cause numerous adverse changes to our environment.

- 1) Home Value – our life savings is tied up in our home equity and this type of change would greatly reduce our chances of selling it later at a competitive price compared to others not located on the EJ&E line.
- 2) It would greatly disrupt the quiet of the neighborhood we have chosen to raise our family.
- 3) It will greatly disrupt transportation routes as we shop, worship and go to school in the Village of Lake Zurich, in some cases crossing the tracks 2 or three times in one expedition.

Additionally, Lake Zurich has just recently completed their re-routing of traffic and after all that the only way to avoid a train will then be to stay on Route 12 which is far too congested as it is. This will only deter me further from the benefits of the town where we choose to reside.

Please say **No** to the any train activity on the EJ&J line that runs through Lake Zurich.

Sincerely,

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