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thank you for the opportunity to voice my oposition to the proposed cn aquisition of the ej&e rail line, docket #35087.

as a long time resident of barrington, my concerns with this purchase are heart felt and contain a passion reserved for one's "home town."

the increase in rail traffic resulting from this purchase would change the character of barrington. currently barrington exhibits a friendliness felt by all who live, work or visit there. this trait is combined with a pride for our green space, educational system, safety and diverse business community. each one of these characteristics would suffer greatly if the proposed purchase were to be approved.

the most visible impact would be on the community's traffic flow. currently our "rush hours" contain traffic jams that effect thousands of motorists as they navigate the metra rail crossings. by adding freight traffic to this equation, travel times for commuters and school buses would be extended to the breaking point. with the possibility of traffic grid-lock over a rail intersection and over 400 school bus crossing a day, the likelihood of a tragic accident is made quite possible. this factor alone makes this purchase ill advised. please understand that we still feel the sadness of the cary community bus fatalities.

additionally, the commute to school would be extremely difficult for ALL families north of the tracks with children in grades 5-12. this would lead to a predictable decrease in the value of a district #220 education.

a more devastating possibility associated with this proposed purchase would be the difficulty in crossing the tracks for any rescue personnel. when minutes count the wait for a 5,000' long train would be excrutiating. the odds of this happening will increase

5-7 fold with the approval of this purchase!

after careful review of cn railways safety record i was shocked. with a derailment on average every 3.5 days and 2 major accidents within the last 5 years there is no way to approve this purchase without endangering thousands living in barrington! for this reason alone, PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF THE EJ&E RAILWAY!

finally, as our town's businesses attempt to thrive, this purchase would put negative pressure on their success. shoppers would travel elsewhere to avoid certain delays, at the expense of downtown businesses.

as a concerned citizen with a love of barrington i appose cn railway's purchase for several reasons. this purchase would negatively impact our schools, traffic flow, emergency response time, community safety and area businesses. please carefully consider the above factors and vote against the proposed purchase of the ej&e railway.

thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

sincerely,

luis cossio III