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I am writing to strongly oppose Canadian National's (CN) acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad line (STB Finance docket No. 35087).

I live in the Chicago suburb of Plainfield, IL. The proposed acquisition of the EJ&E tracks represents a major concern to us. We are very concerned about the increased noise, as our home is located approximately 200 yards from the train tracks. We were willing to accept some train traffic to be in the community that we love, but with the increase that would occur with the acquisition, we fear our quality of life and the value of our will greatly suffer. In addition, we are concerned about emergency vehicles and their ability to get where they are needed most in an efficient manner. In a new neighborhood consisting of many families with young children, I can attest to the grave concern about train safety, emergency response and school bus routes and schedules.

Please reject CN's proposal to purchase the EJ&E Line. If this is allowed to go through, we will likely sell our home at a much decreased value in a time when costs are already too high. Our neighborhood and community are relying on the STB to understand our concerns and do the right thing.