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In an election year, we are bombarded with information about how America is being sold off piecemeal to other countries- some out of necessity and others purely for profit. The sale of a business to a foreign company hopefully keeps Americans in their current jobs or else creates even more jobs, improves infrastructure, improves the environment, and/or improves the American quality of life. Thus, there is some benefit, or collateral if you will, to Americans. As regards the sale of the EJ&E to CN Railway, I cannot see any benefit whatsoever to American with respect to creating jobs, infrastructure improvement, improving the environment, or increasing quality of life. Every aspect of the proposed sale is a negative for residents. Further, plans to decrease highway traffic in the far western suburbs by utilizing the EJ&E line for the Star Line will go right through the tubes, leaving us with no option but to continue dealing with our ever increasing road congestion.

The far western suburbs have evolved and grown immensely without proper planning for increased rail traffic through our communities. Especially in our currently dreadful economic standing we cannot possibly cope with the high price to retrofit our communities with the number of overpasses it needs if this sale goes through. Our country is on the verge of financial collapse and it is completely absurd to consider that Americans should subsidize the cost of infrastructure for an acquisition from a foreign corporation.

To the STB, I implore you to give a resounding NO! to CN.

I appreciate your consideration.