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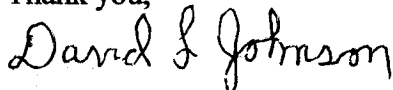
I want to emphatically state my objection to the sale of the EJ&E Railroad to the Canadian National Railway Corporation. First of all the increase in the number of trains and their proposed length of 2 miles will isolate me from medical, police and fire department services when these trains are passing by my house. My subdivision which is located West of Gaylord, North of Division, East of Essington and South of Renwick has 3 grade crossings within 1 mile of my house and another on Renwick about a mile and a half from my house. One 2 mile long train will simultaneously block the traffic on Essington, Division and Gaylord resulting in long delays and wasted gasoline.

Besides my personal impact, another aspect of this sale which bothers me is the turnover of basic transportation infrastructure of the United States to foreign corporations whose whole motivation is financial gain without any interest or concern for the citizens of this community or country. This is just one example where the "Selling of America" is taking place, but transportation is a very important part of our nation's future and needs to be preserved and controlled within this country. We are currently in a financial crisis resulting from corporate greed with companies within our own country. We do not need a foreign company, namely CN, doing the same or worse to us.

As our energy costs escalate, rail traffic will become more desirable from the standpoint of reduced cost and pollution. I am certain that more financial incentives to railroad companies by state and federal government will be available and it bothers me that a foreign company will receive our tax monies to use for improvements to their own import facilities. These improvements which would allow them to ship their imported goods into the United States would likely eliminate jobs in our country. Although I do not know if our vulnerability to terrorism is increased, I do believe that Homeland Security must be considered.

I implore you to reject the CN acquisition of EJ&E.

Thank you,



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