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Subject Proposed CN Acquisition of E, J & E Railway

As residents of Barrington Hills, we find that the gravity of the above mentioned merger will surely be a death sentence to the commercial and property values as well as the welfare of citizens in our surrounding communities. This monumental issue, seriously affecting many requires a more thorough analysis before a decision is made.

As it is now, our 10 or so surrounding communities are regularly gridlocked during rush hour, due to traffic routing through the area. As a rule, many of us are captive in our homes during 6 or so peak hours of traffic, unwilling or unable to multiply our travel times by sitting through the same stoplights numerous times, and the myriad of commuter and freight trains traveling through the single lanes in each direction of downtown Barrington. There is usually no alternative course to choose.

While we understand that goods need to travel via alternative means besides our highways, it seems prudent for the railways and the communities to work together to perhaps consider a several step process over years to achieve that end. To decimate downtown areas such as Barrington, and so greatly impact its many nearby citizens in a hasty process is not a good business decision for some of the very Americans it means to serve. We implore you to regard this matter with paramount importance before allowing this merger to occur.

Sincerely,

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