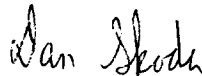


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My name is Dan Skoda. I, my wife, and 2 daughters live in Frankfort, Illinois, a few blocks away from the EJ&E Railway. We are strongly opposed to the proposed purchase of the EJ&E Railway by the Canadian National Railway. This purchase will negatively impact our community. There is only one underpass crossing between Joliet and Interstate 57. Therefore, in an emergency situation, a fire truck, ambulance, or police protection is delayed due to the increase of train traffic. This interruption in emergency response could mean the difference between life and death. It is our understanding that there will also be a significant increase in the transportation of hazardous materials which will be carried near our house. This could possibly cause an emergency situation if derailling or leakage occurs. The larger locomotives and longer trains will also cause more noise pollution and vibration to our neighborhood. We know that a sale of the EJ&E line is inevitable, but, we would hope the grade crossings and environmental impact would be dealt with before such a sale could take place. We strongly urge you to consider all of these points and how they would affect our community when making your decision. Thank you.



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