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Attn: Phillis Johnson- Ball

I am writing in regards to the possible purchase of the EJ & E Railway by the CN. I am writing in opposition to this plan. I live in New Lenox, IL and this is a large growing community in which many families and children reside. I live near Rt. 30 and Gougar Rd. and at this time my 6 year old son goes to Nelson Prairie Elementary school which is located near Laraway Rd. and Nelson Rd. The proposed plan to run all of these freight trains would be in the middle, separating myself from my little boy and one day my younger daughter approx 28 times a day. This would create a problem if I were ever to need to get to my son in case of an emergency. Not only would it restrict myself from getting to him it would also limit hugely how quickly emergency vehicles could get to these schools all together. Please listen to myself and the other residents in this area and understand that this would be a horrible thing to do for the safety and health of all of us, especially for the numerous school children in the area.

Thank You,

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