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I live roughly a mile from the EJ&E tracks in Bartlett, IL. I am not affiliated with the transportation industry in any way. Moving goods transportation away from truck to rail is a societal benefit which should be enhanced. If the CN agrees specifically in writing to build an overpass for West Bartlett road over the tracks within one year from deal closing (with strong financial penalties to ensure performance) and to give Metra's STAR line full track right of way priority, then I fully support CN's purchase request.

Unfortunately, CN's present request does not specifically include these items so it should either be modified to include the above or denied. Living in proximity to the tracks, I will hear the increased rail traffic. I'm prepared to live with this given the societal benefit. I don't use West Bartlett road often, but the tracks are between the fire department and a large number of residents' homes. Public safety needs require an overpass to be built in a timely manner.

Finally public transportation is a societal need as well. Metra should have full priority to use the tracks for the STAR line if they so choose. Ultimately this use will most probably be low. However we shouldn't put this public agency in the situation of having to negotiate with CN later when the commonweal has the opportunity of doing it now from a position of strength. CN should not see this as a taking of property, but rather the granting of public approval so as to grow their business.

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration. I can be reached at 630-483-1272 if you have further questions. Timothy Fossa