

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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Subject: The buy out of EJ&E railroad by Canadian National

Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball
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I am writing to you about the significant impact on my family and our property. We live in Frankfort IL and are very concerned regarding the buy out of EJ&E railroad by Canadian National.

One issue that is concerning us as taxpayers is; that Canadian National is not willing to work with us or to invest in the proper mitigations that should be in place for the sale to go through. To be as arrogant as CN has been throughout this process trying to force the hand of the STB to speed up the process and to say 40 million dollars in mitigation cost to them is a fair amount they should pay, when I have heard of estimates of anywhere from \$200-\$400 million dollars needed to handle the increase traffic on the tracks. **In this economy and the high property tax we already pay we cannot absorb these costs as taxpayers so that this foreign company that does not pay taxes on their profits to our government has us flipping the bill.**

What are we going to do when the population in the outer suburbs either doubles or triples over the next 10-20 years and grade changes need to be either widen or rebuilt. Who is going to pay for this if CN doesn't take care of it now if the sale goes through?

In my 30 years growing up in the areas where the CN has their lines running through Chicago, the infrastructure is already in place do handle the train traffic, bridges and underpasses, ect. This is already in place to handle traffic concerns.

Our feelings are if CN is not willing to make these **MUCH** needed infrastructure changes such as: grade changes, sound barrier walls, at grade crossings gate improvements then the sale should be denied!! CN **can not** expect to buy a low traffic rail line and turn it into a high traffic rail line and not have to make changes in the communities that are affected. It's just wrong!!

Sincerely concerned Frankfort resident,
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