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I want to write to you to tell you how opposed I am of the CN railroad acquisition of the EJ&E. To think that they want the American taxpayers to flip the bill for their expenses for building the grading infrastructures that are needed. This foreign corporation should not expect the taxpayers to pay for their billion dollar profits per year that they make.

The CN railroad will do great damage to our town of Barrington. I have lived in the Barrington area for years now and have family in this school district. Our traffic in this area is bad enough especially on Lake Cook Rd. where the EJ&E railroad tracks passes over. When the high school and two middle schools let out the traffic on that road alone is extremely terrible and backed up. I am very concerned about the increase in trains if the CN is allowed to do this. Not only will the traffic be more congested I am very concerned about the safety issues for all the children of this area.

Also it is very frightening to read about CN's safety record. They are carrying hazardous material and passing right through the backyards of homes and so close to schools and our only high school in town.

I am very against what the CN is trying to do. Please fight against this for all the people with the same concerns in the Barrington area and outlying areas as well.

Thank You for your time,

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