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The EJ&E Tracks were set down 100 years ago. Frankfort's population was 427 people. Farmers grain was picked-up and shipped to market. Now the population is approaching 55,000 and there are no farmers! We don't want heavy rail traffic! HAVE THE CNRR LAY NEW TRACKS 20 MILES SOUTH OF THE POPULATED AREA!

Rail traffic will significantly pick-up should the sale of the E.J. & E. go through, according to the impact study and statements made by the CEO of Canadian National, many of the trains will be from one mile to two miles long. This increase in traffic will be over 400% by train count and the trains will be much longer than the trains that EJ&E has been running for years. A change like this will create many hardships and safety concerns for the Frankfort community, a growing and vibrant residential community and according to Forbes.com the 36th fastest growing town in America.

"THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD" should be concerned about the American citizen in this concern, NOT the Canadian National Railway!

I am concerned about the safety of the little kids

Our back yards are right up to the tracks. (Fences are not allowed in the Prestwick Subdivision of Frankfort) I have seven grandchildren including five (5) that are between 1 and 8 years of age. They spend a great deal of time at "Grandma & Grandpa's" where they can run and play. Nothing is there to prevent the children from wandering onto the tracks and being maimed or killed by a train. After all, "what little boy does not like trains?" Trains to little kids are like a magnet!

I am concerned about members of our community with respect to personal safety

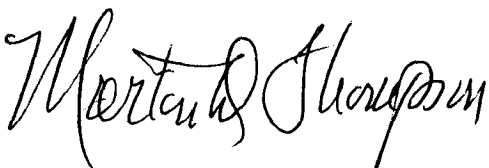
Our community can be isolated from Emergency Response equipment and personnel such as Medical (ambulance), Fire Dept. and Police, when trains on the E.J.&E. tracks are present and crossing Harlem Ave. There is zero access to our street from the south when a train is present at Harlem Ave. If more than five cars are waiting for a train on the north side of the crossing, no access is possible from the north as the tracks are that close to the entrance of Aberdeen Road.

I am concerned about our property values our homes are only feet from the tracks.

Please STOP THE SALE!

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