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Message: Allowing Canadian National Railway to purchase the Elgin, Joliet, & Erie line in Illinois would be a terribly irresponsible thing to do. In my own town alone, there are 17 crossings, all but one of which are at grade. That's 16 through streets that get blocked every time a train comes through.

We've been told that approximately 42 trains per day will traverse these tracks if the sale goes through. We've also been told that many of these trains will exceed 10,000 ft. in length. Our town is basically bisected by these railroad tracks. In my particular situation, my children attend school on the opposite side of the tracks. Our local firehouse is on the opposite side of the tracks. Our major shopping areas are on the opposite side of the tracks, too. I'm guessing that just about every trip I make across town will run the risk of being interrupted by a train, perhaps a 10,000 ft. train. My kids may frequently be late for school because the bus can't get through. My house may burn because the fire department can't get through.

Our community and many of the others along the EJ&E are heavily populated and traveled places. We have too much road and rail congestion as it is. I implore you to please block this sale!