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| Submitter's Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <p>WHY WOULD YOU ALLOW THIS ACQUISITION TO TAKE PLACE? IT WOULD HAVE SO MANY NEGATIVE IMPACTS. IT IS SICK THAT IF THIS SALE GOES THROUGH THAT THE TAXPAYERS WILL THEN ALSO HAVE THE LARGE TAX BURDEN FOR NEEDED EQUIPMENT &amp; CHANGES THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED. THIS WOULD DESTROY OUR TOWN.</p> <p>1. 555% Increase in Daily Number of Trains Traveling Through the village of Wayne.<br/>The proposed acquisition by CN would shift a significant amount of freight train traffic that currently moves over CN's rail lines in the City of Chicago to sections of the EJ&amp;E rail line that moves through the Village. Specifically, the proposed acquisition would increase the average number of trains that move through the Village from the current rate of 4.4 trains per day to 24.4 trains per day. This means that a freight train will pass through the Village every hour, 24 hours per day. The increased noise will become, at best, an ever present nuisance and at worst, a potential health hazard. In addition, this will cause severe delays for all motor vehicles attempting to pass through the Village, including school buses transporting students to Wayne Elementary School. Most importantly, it will have a potentially lethal impact on victims of traffic accidents, emergency medical incidents, criminal activity and other emergencies by delaying Police, Fire and EMS response times.</p> <p>2. 1,285% Increase in Daily Gross Tons of Freight Traveling Through the Village.<br/>The proposed acquisition would increase the gross tons of freight that moves through the Village from the current rate of 14,397 tons per day to 184,969 tons per day. This is an increase of 170,572 tons per day. The increased tonnage combined with the increased volume of trains will create strong and persistent vibrations that will constitute a nuisance and a danger to homes and other buildings near the EJ&amp;E rail line.</p> <p>3. 1,258% Increase in Daily Carloads of Hazardous Materials Traveling Through the Village. The proposed acquisition would increase the daily carloads of hazardous material that moves through the Village from 21.1 carloads per day to 265.5 carloads per day. This is an increase of 244.4 carloads per day. This is a critical issue as the sole source of water to all residents and businesses in the Village is from private wells. In addition, any potential accidents would have disastrous consequences because the rail line runs next to residential areas and is less than one mile from the Wayne Elementary School.</p> <p>4. Interference with the Emergency Vehicles and Traffic Generally. CN projects that the average length of trains passing through the Village will be 8,000 to 10,000 feet in length. As previously stated, the proposed acquisition would increase the average number of trains that move through the Village from the current rate of 4.4 trains per day to 24.4 trains per day. Such frequency and length of trains would severely interfere with emergency vehicle access to major portions of the Village and with the general motoring public in the Village.<br/>To illustrate, there are two local highways running east and west through the Village. They are Smith Road to the south and Army Trail Road to the north. In addition, there is one county highway that runs east and west at the northern edge of the Village, Stearns Road. All three roads intersect the EJ&amp;E rail line, which runs north and south through the entire length of the Village, at at-grade rail crossings. The distance between Smith Road and Army Trail Road is approximately 5,000 feet. Therefore, each train would simultaneously block both of the roads</p> |

