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Comment Form for the Surface Transportation Board

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FDR

How will CN's proposed acquisition of the EJ&E impact you?

I believe that this acquisition will negatively impact my family in a major way. I live in Wicklow Village and my house is near the railroad line. I am very concerned about the increase in noise, traffic and safety of my family. I have two sons, ages 2 & 4, who love to play at our neighborhood park located on Cormorant Dr. The railroad tracks are 50-100 feet away from this park at certain points. Although I watch my boys like a hawk at the playground I am terrified that they could be injured or even killed if I ever let them out of my sight. Having increased trains going through the area would likely do damage to my sanity and destroy my children's freedom to explore and grow. Given the current situation in the housing market, it would also be detrimental to the economic health of my family. My husband may need to find another job soon and if we had to sell and sell our house we could be facing financial ruin. If this acquisition goes through and others in the LZ community suffer that same fate, where is the money going to come from to make these improvements. I won't have anything left over to even pay my taxes!

I realize that I am only one mother and homeowner but I truly believe that the quality of my life and the lives of my children should outweigh the money that stands to be made from this deal. What may be said now, may not be what we homeowners are told one or five years from now. I can only hope that the needs of the people who love this community, diligently pay our taxes, and frequent our local businesses, are respected.

Sincerely,

Kathy Sniddle