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Subject Oppose: CN - EJ&E Merger

Dear Surface Transportation Board Members,

I am writing on behalf of family and friends that live in the New Lennox and Mokena, IL area that will be severely effected by the the merger of Canadian National (CN) and Eastern (EJ&E) Railroads.

The proposed rail traffic increases will stymie what have developed into thriving communities of the Southern Chicago Suburbs. The ability for it's residents to reach essential services will be greatly diminished by this acquisition. The majority of residential communities will be cut off while 3 mile trains move slowly through their townships at all hours of the days.

They will not be efficiently reached by essential services (fire, police, and ambulance) in the event of an emergency. In addition their quality of life will greatly diminish. There will be extensive increases of noise and air pollution caused by the increase in rail traffic. The ability to drive to the grocery store or even a movie will no longer take minutes, but possibly hours due to the lack of rail overpasses/underpasses in the area.

Before this bill should pass your board, it is imperative that these issues are addressed, so please vote down the merger of CN - EJ&E. These communities will essentially become a wasteland for residents. They will not be able to function within their own community, nor will their once valuable property be the desireable to future homeowners, who once looked to New Lennox and Mokena as a family friendly oasis.

Many Thanks for your consideration,

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