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To whom it may concern,

My name is David Carlson and I live at ~~283 Kimberly Road, North Barrington, IL 60010~~ ^{FDR}. I am writing to you to express my concern regarding the proposed sale of the EJ&E Rail Road to the Canadian National Railway Company. The environmental impact to my community along with all the surrounding communities will be devastating if this sale is allowed to go through.

I believe the biggest impact will be huge traffic delays due to many trains blocking road ways. This area is already over congested, where it can take up to 30 minutes to travel 3 miles down Route 12 (Rand Road). This road would become even more congested as it has the only underpass for the EJ&E rail lines. More people will start to use already gridlocked Rand Road in order to go around the other rail crossings of the EJ&E.

Rand Road is not the only road that is over congested already. Route 59 backs up for miles during rush hour. If you start to add more trains in the path, there will never be any open times on this road.

Emergency vehicles will no longer be able to access Good Sheppard Hospital easily as they would now be trapped by long lines of stopped cars. Our home values will decrease as noise from many trains, traffic congestion, not to mention the hazard of possible derailments will keep home buyers from purchasing in the area.

I know first hand the impact this will have on my community. I work at 1350 E. Touhy Ave. in Des Plaines, IL. I am just about 2 blocks from the current Canadian National tracks that they want to now bypass. I see every day from my office, the traffic backups that occur due to the trains that come through. I have experienced having to wait at crossings, being forced to be late for meetings, or having employees late to work, because a train has slowed to a crawl. I have seen emergency vehicles stuck in traffic because of these trains. I have seen trains sit motionless for over 40 minutes blocking multiple intersections off of Manheim Road.

I plead with you to not allow this to happen to my community. I ask you to put people first before big business. Please stop the sale of EJ&E to Canadian National.

Sincerely,



David S. Carlson