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I oppose the Canadian National Acquisition of the EJ&E railroad. My office adjoins the track and we cannot conduct business nor answer telephones now when a train comes past. Fortunately, there are limited numbers of trains at this point. The increase of the number of trains would shut down business along this stretch of the community--an entire business district.

I have been a resident of New Lenox since 1968 and my husband since 1952. Over the years there has been tremendous increase of vehicles and new residents but there has been little widening of roads or the addition of new roads to move around the community. Our Federal Government and our State have had no money for these projects in the past, they don't in the present and it is doubtful with the national debt being what it is, that there will be funds available in the future.

The community has struggled with widening of roads to accomodate increased traffic and there have been no funds to accomplish this.

There have been repeated failed attempts to raise funds for the existing fire department--where would we get the funds to add additional fire departments to fight fires and for ambulance services?

Our hospital is at the far north end of our community and the population and growth is on the south side of the rail road track that you propose to acquire. How will emergency vehicles cross without risking lives?

Our high school sits directly north of the tracks and the majority of the students that attend that school will reside south of the tracks? How can we assure their safety?

Finally, our business is real estate and I am very concerned that the noise level created by the numerous additional trains will devalue the homes that properties that lie along

• these tracks. Being that our community is mostly level, there are no natural barriers to absorb sound and when a train comes through during the night and blasts its horn as it does, it wakes up most of the residents including those of us that own homes three to four miles away or more.

What does our community have to gain by this acquisition -- only more noise, more congestion, more risk of harm to our commuters, more delays due to blocked roadways, more inconvenience, and lower property values as the noise and vibrations are extremely bothersome.

Canadian National shows boastful profits yet they unapologetically offer barely enough money to improve one or two crossings when there are so many that would need attention.

The only community in our area with overpasses in place is Joliet. Every other community on the southside would have the burden of constructing overpasses at incredible expense to the taxpayers of the community.

When so many of our senior citizens have to move from the area now because the high taxes to support our schools and local taxing bodies become too great, where would the money come from?

When there is no gain and only much pain to be offered to our communities, why would you allow such an acquisition to happen? Most of our 750 thousand county wide residents would curse you daily if this were allowed to happen!

Just remember - for us - there is only pain and no gain! Please vote NO! We would be grateful!