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I am opposed to the proposal that Canadian National Railway has submitted for the purchase of Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway (EJ&E). Currently there are an average of 4 trains per day running along this line. Canadian National would increase the traffic on this line to 2 trains per hour, thus putting road traffic at a halt on many major thoroughfares in my area for a great period of time. There are only 3 over/underpasses in the Aurora/Naperville area. At this time, when one of the four daily freight trains comes through at one of the crossings, there is a one to two mile backup. This impacts commuters, school children and pedestrians to a great degree. There are safety issues that would need to be looked into, as the increased rail traffic would exponentially increase the propensity for autos and people to try to "beat" the train. This would cause unneeded injuries and deaths. Additionally the added noise to the neighborhoods surrounding these tracks would increase as well, causing property values to decline.

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