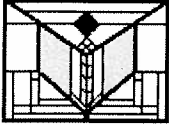


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RE: planned purchase of most of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway

In September, Canadian National Rail announced plans to buy the EJ&J from Transtar, a subsidiary of U.S. Steel for \$300 million.

The deal needs to be approved by the U.S. Surface Transportation Board before going through.

Dear U.S. Surface Transportation Board:

Please do not approve the Canadian National Rail plan to buy the EJ&J. We saw Canadian rail cars already. The trains are more frequent than ever before, and far more noisy, and heavy and vibrating our homes as never before. The economy is difficult now and our property values will go down even more than the housing bubble caused them to if you allow this to go through. Please don't let this purchase occur. It's too much train noise and vibration now. The thought of the planned gradual increase to one per hour is unbearable for a place we call home in Bartlett, IL. It's already gradually increased in sound and frequency and vibration and the horns are too loud and the trains go way way too fast in the nighttime. It's worsened in the last few months. We have trains here and we have learned to live with the sound and the traffic issues. But what is proposed will ruin our neighborhood and all we've worked so hard to achieve, and saved for.

The areas we are affected by are tracks at Route 59& Struckman and the tracks near Stearns Rd/Army Trail Road and Munger Rd. in Bartlett, IL & in Wayne, IL into the Pratt Wayne Woods.

Traffic is a concern as well, and a below ground or above ground track should be considered but please know that this is an inappropriate residential area where we come to for our sanctuary - our home!

Please don't ruin the largest investment we have ever made - our homes.

Anything you can do to find another plan and not sell this to the Canadian company that will ruin the quality of our lives and ruin our property values would be greatly appreciated. I know you understand, as you, too, need peace and quiet when you go home, just as we all do while in your home.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Flor

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