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The sale of the ESE Railway to Canadian National will cause serious safety and local property market value problem. The rail line literally splits Muncie, Lake Zurich and Barrington in two and adding 15 to 20 or more "long" freight trains to that line will cripple traffic patterns for police, fire departments and personal emergencies. I've heard some trains may be as long as two miles in length.

My property is 4 lots removed from the rail line in Lake Zurich and my house shakes on occasion when heavy freight trains go by. I've had pictures fall off the wall. The vibrations will be much worse with 20 more trains per day. Does anyone care about the impact of the proposed sale to local property owners?

I invite you or anyone to spend an evening ~~at~~ at my home and experience first hand what 20 more trains might do to my neighborhood. And, the safety issues of literally splitting several towns in half are enormous.

This sale must not be approved. The negative impact certainly outweighs the little good that may be realized in other areas of Illinois.

Sincerely,

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