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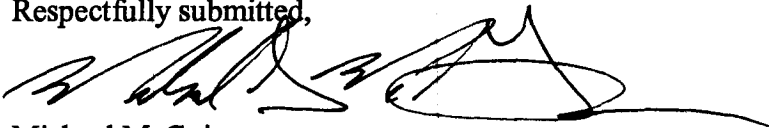
Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

I am a resident of Mokena, and I am formally opposing the proposed Canadian National Railway acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad.

If the CN purchase of the EJ & E is allowed to proceed, the impact to surrounding neighborhoods, parks, schools, etc. will have devastating consequences. The sound and vibration of thundering, fuming freight trains every 51 minutes will be felt for miles along these tracks. The noise and most concerning, the increased risk of a toxic spill due to the 600% spike in harmful chemicals hauling through town at 45 miles per hour begs the question, "Will the STB ensure that the final environmental impact study addresses the significant negative environmental impact to our community?"

Additionally, the \$40 million CN has proposed to spend on infrastructure improvements is a drop in the bucket. Who will pay for the rest of the underpasses, grade separations and projected necessary infrastructure improvements that are needed to support projected population growth? Who will pay for the anticipated decline in property values? If the STB approves this transaction, then CN should be required to pay.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael McGuire