

I am strongly against the proposed purchase of the EJ&E railroad by the Canadian National (CN) for many reasons. I am well aware of the significant role that transportation plays in the local economy of the Chicago area and agree that something needs to be done to alleviate rail congestion but this is not the answer. The vast majority of this rail line does not run through industrial or commercial areas , or along highways, or through the major cities but through housing neighborhoods where people have bought into the American dream of home ownership with no reason to believe that this rail line would become a freight train super-highway.

I am concerned that emergency vehicles would not be able to quickly respond to emergencies with responders being delayed many minutes by trains. My family members attend Barrington High School and due to extra curricular activities commutes with a friend who rents a parking space on the east side of the rail line while the school is on the west side. I am concerned about the limited visibility due to the curve in the tracks at that location and they would be endangered by increased rail traffic.

Commuting between job sites would be significantly impacted as we cross the rail line in question daily and waiting for long trains would decrease our efficiency and our gas mileage thereby increasing our costs in a financially challenging environment. The increased delay waiting for these trains will lead to increased carbon emission from idling vehicles and increased fuel consumption. The air quality in this area would be severely impacted.

Thank you for fighting against this and please continue to fight for us against this pending destruction of many suburban homes and business in the surrounding areas.

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