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As a concerned citizen who lives in Lake Zurich, IL, I would like you to oppose the CN acquisition of the EJ&E and the further development of rails in my community. I do not believe that CN has my community's safety and interests in mind. I believe that the people of my community should not be pushed around by the profit interests of CN—especially at the expense of the people and land in Lake Zurich.

Some of my concerns include the following:

- No review of alternatives to the deal, including CREATE.
- Failure to assess likelihood of taxpayer investment in expensive mitigation funding.
- Interference with other railroads.
- Noise assessment methodology is outdated and rejected by the U.S. EPA.
- Life and death first responder impacts are downplayed.
- Increased risk of hazardous material spills.
- Residential housing value impacts.
- Regional business impacts, especially the halting of Lake Zurich's downtown development plans.
- Negative consequences to local tax bases.
- Negative impact on air qualities.
- Increased fuel usage and its impact on climate change.
- No adequate provision for safety given in the proposal.
- Destroy the character of downtown Lake Zurich and degrade its usefulness.
- Increase traffic delays by disrupting travel patterns.

I have two young boys. Greater train frequency in my area will increase the probability of train deaths. In my area alone, there have been three separate accidents leading to the deaths of children.

I implore you to consider these critical aspects of this transaction as you represent me in this acquisition.

Yours Concerned,

Samuel J. Kee