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Fellow Americans:

Regarding the proposed purchase of the EJ & J railroad by CN:

What is most important...

1) The Profits of CN, A foreign company.

OR

2) The Safety and Well Being of over 1,500,000 Americans?

Do the proponents of this purchase REALLY BELIEVE that CN intends to lessen the amount of freight coming through Chicago?

Once they have their greedy fingers on the EJ & J line, ANYTHING can happen...then what?

The answer to this question is a simple...NO!

The misery, hardship, congestion and loss of property values that well over a million Americans will experience, FAR outweigh any benefit from this purchase.

PLEASE PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING!

Sincerely,



Robert Birch