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As an Illinois resident who will be impacted by the proposed sale of the EJ&E railroad to Canadian National, I would like to express my extreme opposition to the acquisition. My husband and I live about 1/4 mile from the EJ&E, and we are affected every day by the current train traffic. The train horns can be heard day and night (and they do wake us up at night regularly), and the traffic on Ogden Avenue is already terrible when a train comes through during rush hour. I can only shudder to think about the increased traffic, noise, and danger with many, many more trains coming through our neighborhood every day. Please do not approve the sale - the cities and towns along the railroad were not built to handle rail traffic such as this, not to mention the potential increases in train accidents, hazardous spill accidents, delays in fire and emergency service, and the negative impacts on our parks, forests, and wildlife. The benefits to one company should not outweigh the negative impacts to hundreds of thousands of suburban Chicago residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my comments. I look forward to hearing the Board's decision in the future.