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To The Surface Transportation Board:

Subject - CN proposed acquisition  
of the E.S. & E Railway

We have lived here for 51 years.  
Since then 2 cars (auto) have run  
into stopped trains.

One railroad car was overturned.  
Now there are 9 trains using these  
tracks. CN wants 34.

Now there is 45 hazardous waste.  
CN wants 400.

One nite I counted 20 whistles  
blowing on - one train.

There are 4 schools - children cross  
these tracks.

There is Tot Park right by the  
tracks.

St Mari's soccer field is right  
by the tracks.

Emergency Response is all the  
other side of the tracks.

Police & Fire

We drove to the only fire station  
on Ridge Road, which has an  
overpass — took us 7 minutes

The CN wants the trains longer.  
Some stretching more than 8,000 ft  
from locomotive to last car.

Maintenance:

The Wiggs crossing was a ~~mess~~<sup>mess</sup>  
for so long — motorcycles wouldn't  
use it.

Taft (Rt 55) in Merrillville  
same ~~same~~ story. They put up  
rough crossing signs.

Broadway in Merrillville same  
story.

Took yrs for track to be repaired.

This acquisition makes me  
frustrated. Please reject it!

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