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Dear Resident,

April 8, 2008

The Canadian National R.R. is seeking to purchase the EJ&E R.R. The proposed purchase will allow trains a bypass around the City of Chicago. This will reduce train congestion within Chicago but will put additional train traffic in the suburbs and Northwest Indiana. The Surface Transportation Board is the federal agency that has to approve this purchase.

Schererville will experience an increase in train traffic along the EJ&E, which is the east/west track that crosses US 30 in Lynwood, Lake St. and Hart St. in Dyer, 213th St. and Kennedy Ave. in Schererville and Broad St., Main St. and various east/west streets in Griffith. It is anticipated that these crossings will experience an increase from 10 to an estimated 34 trains per day, at speeds of up to 40 mph. There will also be an increase in hazardous materials transported on this line.

As a Schererville resident, you are asked to consider the above statements and if you agree that this proposed purchase will have a negative impact on our community, traffic, safety and our quality of life, please sign the attached petition and return it with your utility payment.

To sign, you must be 18 years of age. Petitions will also be available in the Clerk-Treasurer's office and Planning & Building office in Town Hall.

This petition drive will be held through the month of April and presented to the Surface Transportation Board in Washington D.C.

Sincerely,
 Robert Volkmann, Town Manager

I AM NOT OPPOSED TO THE ACQUISITION OF THE EJ&E RAIL LINE BY CANADIAN NATIONAL

How did you become the spokesman for Lynwood, Dyer, and Griffith, along with Schererville on the subject of railroad acquisitions and their effect to the communities?

The Railroads pay their fair share of taxes to all the towns and communities they operate through. On the other hand, the truckers that operate through these towns tear up our roads and streets and pay nothing to repair them.

Trains have been here a very long time and yet very little planning has been done to make all modes of transportation compatible to the towns and communities they operate thru. Who made the study on increased trains operation per day, proposed crossing speeds, increased hazardous materials and quality of life that we will expect to have if this acquisition is approved? We are all dependent on various types of hazardous materials in our daily lives and if all hazardous shipments were shifted to trucks, all of our towns and highways would be a total gridlock.

Your petition is designed as a scare tactic to get people to support you're opinion without merit. Let me go on record that I am in favor of this acquisition


 Donald Akers

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