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I would ask that the board opposes the Canadian National Railroad acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway (E.J. and E) due to following reasons that are of most importance to me as a mother.

1- Traffic congestion that will most certainly increase with the continuous railway traffic. The more trains there are the more accidents there are to happen. Our children are in these cars and buses and they cross the tracks all of the time.

2- The cost that this is going to cost ME as a taxpayer! Why should I have to pay the taxes to bring another company here to the U.S. and take away jobs from the American people. We are in trouble now with the economy the way it is.

3- Again the safety and the pollution. With the increase in trains, comes the increased chance of collisions and derailments. Hazardous materials being transferred on these trains through our communities is unacceptable. Think of our children. The pollution itself would destroy the surrounding forest preserves and the water of those around using well water. The animals would die off and or move out of the area into other communities in search of food.

This acquisition is not a good idea, and I urge the board to oppose it. I lived in the area of Midway Airport and near the Belt Railroad, so I am aware of the inconvenience it will cause to a community. The south suburbs are not ready for this type of traffic congestion and or the potentially hazardous and dangerous outcomes it can cause. Please oppose. Thank you.