

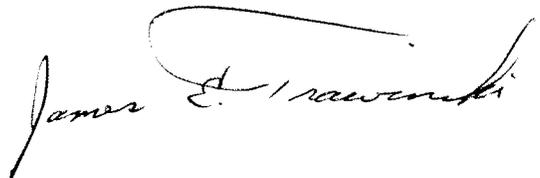
Position Statement  
Environmental Impact of Increased Rail Freight Traffic  
Canadian National Acquisition of EJ&E Rail Line  
Through Barrington, Illinois Area

To: Surface Transportation Board  
From: James & Catherine Trawinski  
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Subject: Oppose CN Plan to Acquire EJ&E Rail Line and Increase Rail Freight Traffic

This plan would gridlock automobile traffic simultaneously on the only three arterial roads serving the area - Route 14, Route 59, and Lake Cook Road. It would also disrupt commuter rail traffic to and from Chicago on the critical Union Pacific Metra Rail Line. The surrounding region has grown steadily in population, and the Village of Barrington is already a surface road bottle neck to regional transportation. A 400% increase in rail freight traffic on a relatively peaceful rail line would destroy the quality of life in the Barrington area and adversely impact police, fire, and ambulance protection and road access to our schools.

If the planned acquisition were to be considered it must be accompanied by the requirement to build a rail overpass on Route 14 and dispensing of the requirement for trains to sound horns at all rail crossings.

We encourage the Surface Transportation Board to travel by car on Route 59 and on Lake Cook Road between 6:30 and 7:30 A.M. and also between 6:00 and 7:00 P.M. to understand the gridlock that already exists in the Barrington area as citizens travel to and from their jobs. Adding rail freight traffic will make our lives impossible.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James E. Trawinski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.