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Dear Ms. Rutson,

The Canadian National acquisition of the EJ&E railway is of utmost concern to our family. We have three children one of whom is special needs and takes the bus to school. At the end of the day she is exhausted when she comes home on the bus. If the freight traffic increases from the current 3 to 5 trains to the anticipated 20 or more trains with an estimated 6 minute wait for each train, it would very difficult for the bus company to return children home in a timely fashion. We live 1 block away from the EJ&E tracks and regularly hear train horns blowing. Last night, a train blasted a horn at midnight that was extremely loud and disturbing to sleep.

We consider this acquisition to be disastrous to traffic flow in Barrington, Illinois as well as to our quality of life!!!

We urge you to conduct a complete and comprehensive environmental review specifically related to additional train traffic. An Environmental Impact Statement must be required.

We emphatically request that if the acquisition is allowed, that it be expressly conditioned upon enforceable conditions to mitigate the adverse impact of the acquisition on the Village of Barrington and the greater Barrington area.

Very Sincerely and With Great Concern,



Ron and Holly Velleuer

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