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Dear Members of the Safety Transportation Board:

I am most concerned the proposed acquisition of EJ&E by Canadian National Railway. The increase in rail traffic will have a dramatic impact on our way of life in the surrounding Barrington communities. Increased noise level, traffic backups, and safety concerns will drive people out of the area and limit the ability to attract new residents.

My wife, Alyson, and I recently moved to the Barrington Village 6 months ago. We are a young couple about to begin a family. We could have moved to any community in the Chicago area from our downtown condo, but chose the Barrington Village for its parks, schools, and laid-back lifestyle. If this acquisition goes through, a literal wall will go up between our home and the amenities that convinced us to move here. No longer will my wife and I feel safe about our future children riding their bikes to Langendorf Park or to the Barrington High Football Game, as they would have to cross the CN tracks. Even worse, if a member of my family was injured and could not get to the hospital because all six major intersections of the Barrington Village were blocked by a train...I can't imagine a more unsafe situation.

I hope that you will seriously consider the impact that CN's acquisition of EJ&E would have on our community. Such a transaction would surely decrease our quality of life and level of safety on a daily basis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'BK' with a large flourish at the end.

Brian Kiep