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I am writing to express my opinion on the possible railway acquisition between CN and EJ&E. I am one of the MANY people who live close to these tracks and feel very strongly against this transaction taking place. The increase in train traffic along these railways will be horrific in many aspects. The people in the area gain ABSOLUTELY NOTHING from this possible purchase, yet we are the ones who will have to pay for a lot of the mitigation through our tax dollars, and we are also the ones that will be subject to all the negative effects on our day-to-day lives. These negative effects are obvious and have already been stated by many, but the most important ones in my opinion are safety concerns, severe traffic congestion, money to mitigate several existing road/track intersections, and pollution.

I am asking (begging) the STB to step up and do what is right! One of CN's biggest arguments for this acquisition is to eliminate a lot of the traffic on both the highways and railways in and near the city of Chicago, but why should this be done at the expense of all the people in the effected area of the existing EJ&E tracks. This is a horrible idea and one that we need the STB to disallow.

Please have sympathy for the thousands of people whose lives will be directly and negatively affected in so many ways!

Thank you your time and I trust the STB will do the right thing.