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Re: Canadian National Railroad/Barrington, IL

I am a homeowner in Barrington, IL. Our home address is 657 New Bridge Ct, Barrington, IL 60010. We have lived at our home for over 17 years. Our home is less than 100 yards from the EJ&E railroad tracks that are currently under consideration and purchase by Canadian National Railroad. As the news reports indicate CN plans to greatly increase rail traffic on the EJ&E rail line. This proposed traffic increase is of great concern and worry. The reported rail traffic increase has not indicated, discussed or summarized any environmental, safety or security issues as the impact of the rail traffic increase. These pressing issues demand qualified answers by industry and governmental experts. Further, CN's company code of conduct requires answers to these issues.

We cross the EJ&E tracks a minimum of 12 times per day, both by car and foot. Our school buses cross that track a minimum of six times per day and that is just our housing development. The noise, vibration and air pollution generated by the increased rail traffic will cause irreparable damage to our homes, neighborhood and village life.

It was indicated to me that you are responsible for reviewing CN's proposed EJ&E railway purchase and proposal. Full disclosure of CN's plans, future rail traffic increase, historical accident data, environmental impact and company commitment to their code of conduct needs to be investigated, evaluated and published. The safety, environmental and security issues need careful, due and studied consideration before CN is allowed to move forward with the EJ&E rail line purchase, rail line usage and rail traffic increase. Your department oversight and investigation in providing this due diligence and guidance is mandated by your agency's protocol. I look forward to your response in a timely manner.

Respectfully,



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Response