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Ms. Victoria J. Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S. W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Canadian National Railroad Acquisition of the EJ&E Rail Line

Dear Ms. Rutson:

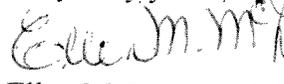
For twenty years, we have lived in close proximity to the E J&E Rail Line, that runs through Barrington, Illinois. We are extremely concerned about the possible acquisition of that railroad line by Canadian National Railroad.

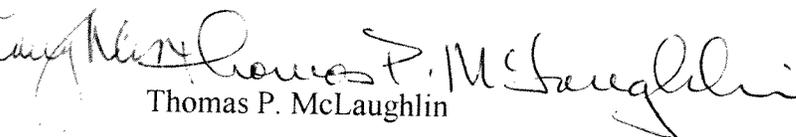
“Big Business” is a powerful and necessary force in this country’s economy. Big Business is not going away, but the survival of a decent quality of life and the condition of the environment may be lost forever.

We urge you to personally examine the countryside and neighborhoods along the route of the EJ&E tracks; professionally study the anticipated effects on the native wildlife; analyze the danger of curtailing efficient fire and police protection; consider pollution hazards; and, most importantly, the families and children who will not only be delayed but endangered daily in their activities. These issues and many more, make the gridlock our neighborhoods would face seem minor.

The impact of what CN is attempting to do is not worth any price or the attendant risks. This is a time when too much is at stake for the benefit of a few who are simply desirous of making money. Their concern is only for themselves. We need your help!

Very truly yours,


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