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In recent months there have been many comments regarding real estate taxes, BP Amoco expansion and its negative effects, U.S. Steel air pollution, Gary/Chicago Airport and the proposed Lake County income tax. However, where is the concern and outcry regarding the proposed purchase of the EJ&E Railroad by the Canadian National Railroad? Do we want 30 trains per day running through our communities? Mile long trains? Four hundred cars of hazardous material each year? Increased noise and vibration? Potential effects on emergency responders?

All residents of Dyer and Schererville should be concerned as well as other Indiana and Illinois communities bordering the EJ&E tracks in question. Please do not accept the age-old argument that the railroad was here first. The EJ&E was, but not the Canadian National Railroad, a much larger operation.

Contact your congressman and your local officials to let them know of your concerns. Tom Schmitt is the Town Councilman for the 4th Ward. You can contact him by calling his office at 219-322-2211 or by e-mailing him (click [here](#) to e-mail Mr. Schmitt).

Over the next few weeks, Briar Cove Committee members will be walking door to door in Briar Cove asking you to sign a petition. Please sign the petition so we can let the Canadian National Railroad know that we don't want this purchase to go through!