

**Subject:** [DPNeBlast] EJ&E- URGENT HELP NEEDED- What can YOU do to help Stop The Trains? Just write a letter or two...

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From our own Rita Finley. Please, please take the time to read her message, especially those of you who feel that this railroad issue is over and/or that it doesn't affect you. IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE LINKING DIRECTLY FROM THIS EMAIL, please simply cut and paste each address into your browser. Thank you for your attention.

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"**Canadian National's** safety record continues to be deplorable. Today's derailment in Buffalo Grove underscores a recent report by the Canadian Government where Canadian National Railway received the lowest grade possible on implementing safety management systems designed to offset accidents and other safety hazards."

**CN Derailment halts Metra North Central service**

Friday, January 16, 2009

<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/image/?id=120199&story=264835>

<http://www.chicagobreakingnews.com/2009/01/metra-north-central-train-service-canceled.html>

Safety is just one of many concerns if U S Steel were to allow Canadian National Railroad to purchase the EJ&E. As of January 1, 2009 the management and board of directors of U S Steel could withdraw their offer to sell this line to the foreign company mentioned above.

If the filed Stay is rejected this sale could closed as early as Friday 1-23. **We need to request US Steel's management to withdraw CN's offer.**

All we are asking is that you write the individuals below and ask them to stop this sale. Don't count on everyone else writing, we need **your** help. If we are silent we will pay the price for generations, so please write **TODAY!** \*\*\*At the bottom of this e-mail there are some talking points to get you started. Make this personal and let them know how their decisions will affect you.

Write to the following individuals and FAX or e-mail your letters if possible.

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**Thomas J. Usher**

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Why not e-mail a copy of your letters to our elected officials and ask them to speak out against this sale. Ask them what they are doing to Stop this sale.

President Elect Barack Obama

<http://change.gov/page/s/contact> <<http://change.gov/page/s/contact>

Sen. Dick Durbin

<http://durbin.senate.gov/contact.cfm> <<http://durbin.senate.gov/contact.cfm>

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Sen. Evan Bayh

<http://bayh.senate.gov/contact/email/> <<http://bayh.senate.gov/contact/email/>

Rep. Melissa Bean

[http://www.house.gov/bean/bean\\_contact\\_issue.shtml](http://www.house.gov/bean/bean_contact_issue.shtml) <[http://www.house.gov/bean/bean\\_contact\\_issue.shtml](http://www.house.gov/bean/bean_contact_issue.shtml)

Rep. Judy Biggert

<http://judybiggert.house.gov/ContactJudy.aspx> <<http://judybiggert.house.gov/ContactJudy.aspx>

Rep. Bill Foster

<http://foster.house.gov/Contact/> <<http://foster.house.gov/Contact/>

Rep. Don Manzullo

<http://manzullo.house.gov/zipauth.aspx> <<http://manzullo.house.gov/zipauth.aspx>

Rep. Peter Roskam

<http://roskam.house.gov/Contact/> <<http://roskam.house.gov/Contact/>

Rep. Pete Visclosky

<http://www.house.gov/visclosky/contact.htm> <<http://www.house.gov/visclosky/contact.htm>

*“To ensure our long term success, we aim to build value for our customers, employees, shareholders, creditors, and the **communities** in which we operate using the same responsible approach that has positioned us as a leader in our industry.”* This is the final sentence on the “About U.S. Steel” portion of their website

As their core values state “build value for our communities in which we operate”....“responsible approach that has positioned us as leader”. If these truly are the core values of U S Steel, then ask them to Do The Right Thing...walk away from this deal.

**Here are some items you might want to address in your letter:**

- The CN purchase of the EJ&E is an end run around CREATE a project that most likely will be in the Economic Stimulus Package designed to spend over \$1 Billion to alleviate rail congestion in Chicago. This sale would be counter productive in that it diverts limited resources.
- CN has a history of having a poor accident record. Today's (or Friday's) CN derailment in Buffalo Grove with cars containing a hazardous material,

molten sulfur is gravely disturbing as many of the areas along the EJ&E are along neighborhoods with private wells and shallow aquifers posing a serious increase in community risk

- If US Steel wants to promote “made in America” then cancel this sale.
- US Steel will enable foreign goods to more easily come into this country via the CN "orient express" which will be in direct competition with US Steel and many other manufacturers hurting American workers and the economy.
- The EJ&E is vital to future regional mass transit that could easily co-exist your business needs. CN, on the contrary, will have too much traffic on the EJ&E to allow any reliable Star Line commuter traffic. Further, it will pose additional safety risk with both commuter and massive freight sharing one track. A second track may need to be built adding to the cost for mass transit and prolonging the possibility of additional mass transit to communities along the EJ&E. The sale will also negatively effect Metra service in many communities.
- CN would be using the EJ&E as a pass thru bringing little if any additional industry to the communities along the EJ&E. CN will be dividing towns.
- If sold the EJ&E right of way will be dictated by CN, including lease fees and scheduling, making US Steel dependent on a foreign company in the Chicago region
- The public is aware of other American entities interested in buying the EJ&E. Why not take this offer off the table and let those offers surface.
- Security issues are huge with all this freight coming out of Asia through Canada and into the US border with different inspection than if the goods were imported through US ports.
- Cost of mitigating grade crossings will fall heavily upon the US taxpayer with no accountability on CN’s part other than for a few crossings. The State of Illinois has testified no money is budgeted for grade separations.
- Since CN announced its intention to purchase the EJ&E railroad in 2007, dozens of communities from Illinois to Indiana, transportation planning groups such as the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), and local and federal elected leaders including President Elect Barack Obama have raised serious concerns ranging from the short and long term implications this purchase would cause.
- This deal is bad for the US Steel brand and is not in line with the their image of building value for communities. In fact it will DEVASTATE THE VERY COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN A GOOD NEIGHBOR FOR DECADES. The \$300 million you would receive pales in comparison to the potential damage to your brand equity. The communities along the EJ&E will be left holding the bag needing to invest billions to keep their towns whole as CN profits.

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