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Ms. Victoria J. Rutson  
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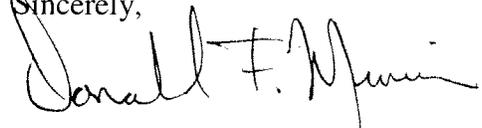
Dear Ms. Rutson:

I am a resident of Barrington, Illinois. My home, where my family and I have lived for about 25 years, is just a few miles from the railroad tracks that run through Barrington. I recently became aware that Canadian National Railway Company had proposed a project that would bring at least 15 more trains per day down those tracks. This announcement alarmed me greatly. I became even more concerned when I heard that this estimate did not account for large increases expected in train traffic throughout the Chicago area over the next 20 years. The drastic increase in rail traffic and stopped/slowed vehicle traffic will affect my family's quality of life and the quality of the environment in my community.

As Vice President of the Barrington Area Library District, I am well aware that this is a major issue in our community even with today's level of traffic. At many points in the day it becomes nearly impossible to get through our village in a timely manner.

I have been informed that you are responsible for reviewing Canadian National Railway Company's proposal. I think that the effects I discussed above warrant serious consideration before you allow Canadian National to move forward. You hold the safety and well-being of not only my family, but that of an entire region in your hands. I trust that you and the rest of the Board will thoroughly review Canadian National's proposal for any and all effects on the environment and affected communities. Please do not approve this proposal until you are certain there are alternatives to the current roadway congestion and that we won't be subject to further delays in our community. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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