

November 17, 2007

Ms. Victoria J. Rutson  
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Dear Ms. Rutson:

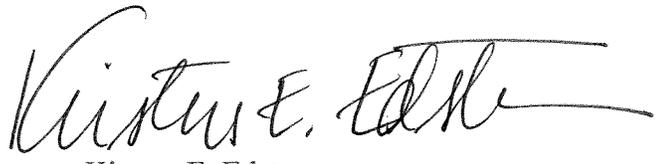
We are residents of Barrington, Illinois. Our home, where our family has lived for over 5 years, is less than 2 miles from the railroad tracks that run through Barrington. We recently heard that Canadian National Railway Company had proposed a project that would bring at least 15 more trains per day down those tracks. This announcement alarmed us greatly. We became even more concerned when we 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 traffic, noise and potential safety problems at rail crossings will affect our quality of life and the quality of the environment in our community. We moved to this community from the downtown Chicago area to live in an open and quiet environment and this potential development will drastically impact our family's quality of life.

We drive our kids to school every day, and have to cross the EJ&E Railroad at Cuba Road. Lately, we've experienced several times when trains cross early in the morning during rush hour and create havoc to the local traffic. If this is happening already, can you imagine the significant negative impact that a minimum of 15 more trains per day would cause?

We have been informed that you are responsible for reviewing Canadian National Railway Company's proposal. We think that the effects we discussed above warrant serious consideration before you allow Canadian National to move forward. You hold the safety and well-being of not only our family, but that of an entire region in your hands. We 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 the local traffic, noise, air quality, environment and overall community safety will not suffer. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
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