

November 26, 2007

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 30 years, is 1/2 mile from the railroad tracks that run through Barrington. I 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 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 noise, traffic congestion and safety problems at rail crossings will affect my quality of life and the quality of the environment in my community.

My biggest concern is for traffic congestion and safety. The EJ&E tracks cross a number of major arteries - Rt. 59, Rt. 14, Lake Cook Rd. and Cuba Rd. – all of which are already severely congested. The trains now run by the EJ&E already cause serious delays which would be magnified several times with the freight traffic proposed by Canadian National. All traffic going south or east must cross the EJ&E at one of those crossings. The result would be gridlock unacceptable to area residents and the Illinois DOT. I, myself, cross those tracks 6 or 8 times per day to get to Lake Zurich or downtown Barrington.

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 that the negative impact on traffic congestion, safety, noise and air quality will be acceptable to area communities and the State of Illinois. Thank you.

Sincerely,

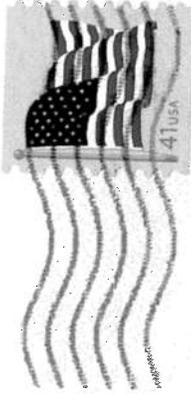


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