

November 21, 2007

Ms. Victoria J. Rutson  
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Rutson:

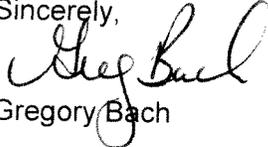
I have lived in Barrington, Illinois for 14 years and choose to live here due to many factors but one of course was the quality of life this community enjoys. My home is less than 500 feet from the railroad tracks that run through Barrington. I recently heard the Canadian National Railway Company had proposed a project that would bring at least 15 more trains per day down those tracks. This announcement alarms 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.

Increases in noise, traffic, safety problems at rail crossings, are a great concern to me. Additionally our town is a major cut through for commuters for east/west (Lake-Cook Road), north/south (Il Rt. 59) and for northwest/southwest commuters (Northwest Highway Rt. 14) and with the proposed train lengths at over 5000 feet our community will be an absolute disaster for commuters as well as the way of life in Barrington, IL

From what I have read the average train length will block all four major access points through the middle of our town creating an absolute nightmare as it relates to 911 responders.

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 these issues will not suffer will not suffer. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Gregory Bach

Ps Ms. Rutson this is NOT a NIMBY issue...I am convinced once you are your staff study this situation thoroughly you will learn that the issues are much broader and far reaching than a train running through a neighborhood or two.