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

Dear Ms. Rutson,

It is my understanding that the Canadian National Railway is planning to purchase the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company. I have heard that initially there will be at least fifteen more trains daily, the amount increasing up to fifty per day.

I currently serve as a Director of the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce. This is my second term on the Board, my first being twenty years ago when I owned a retail store here in town. Throughout the years of my community service, I have seen the Village of Barrington commission several traffic studies, with suggested solutions, and no one solution has ever been implemented because of its impact on residents and businesses.

I am currently a commercial real estate broker, with offices here in the Village. One of the reasons our Chamber of Commerce is so strong, and our community so vital is its ability to attract large employers and serve the smaller businesses as well. Our community is accessible from the tollways, state, federal, county, and village roads, as well as the Metra, allowing employees a not-always quick commute to their work because of the congested roads going through and around town. Additional slower trains would greatly impact traffic!

I am also a thirty-year resident of Barrington, and reside at 118 Raymond Avenue. The EJ&E tracks are across the street from my residence. Lake-Cook Road is a main road through the Village, and the congestion during morning and evening rush hour and before and after school is terrible. Safety at crossings, with the many school buses crossing the tracks daily, is also a great concern.

I am greatly concerned about the impact Canadian National's purchase will have on my community. Please do not approve the proposal,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christina Adams".

Christina Adams
Vice President
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