

November 15, 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:

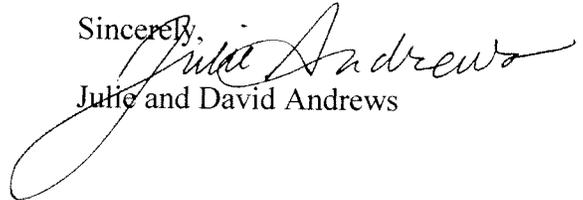
I understand that Canadian National Railway is planning to purchase the Elgin, Joliet, & Eastern Railway Company. The purchase would substantially increase the train traffic around the Village of Barrington, IL—some say there will be at least 15 more trains per day. Such an increase concerns me greatly, and I write to urge you to examine the impacts of this transaction in depth, particularly the effect it will have on the safety of our children and the economic impact on our community.

Currently, I reside 715 Sycamore Road, Barrington, Illinois. My family and I are less than a ¼ of a mile from the EJ&E tracks. We cross the railroad a minimum of twelve times a day.

Yesterday, a Barrington Boy in high school was struck and killed at the railroad tracks just yesterday and another victim this past summer. The increased train traffic is detrimental not only for the safety of our citizens but severely impacts the quality of life on our community. This sale of this railway **cannot** take place and the death that just took place in the height of this controversy reaffirms our beliefs that it is dangerous and careless in pursuing.

As you can see, Canadian National's purchase presents real problems for the members of this community. Without your protection, we have no way of protecting ourselves from our concerns about safety, traffic congestion and the economic welfare of our community. Please consider the impact this transaction will have on our community and its environmental impact before you approve the proposal. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Julie and David Andrews