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Ms. Victoria J. Rutson  
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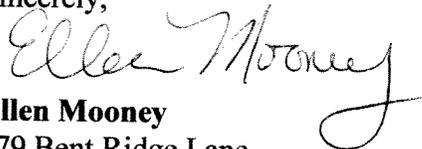
Dear Ms. Rutson:

I am a resident of the Flint Creek Neighborhood in Barrington, IL where my family and I have lived for **5** years. Our home is **VERY close to** 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, safety problems at rail crossings, etc. will affect my family's quality of life and the quality of the environment in my community.

*My family crosses the tracks at various points at least 15 times a day. When school is in session my son has to cross the EJ & E tracks 3 times each way not including the commuter tracks every day. This is a huge safety concern to me as well as the delays the proposed increase in train activity will cause my son getting to and from school each day. What about emergency vehicles that will be blocked by these trains? What consideration has been taken to the long lasting problems this will cause?*

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 the proper studies are completed to assure that my family's quality of life and the quality of the environment in my community will not suffer. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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