

Ms. Victoria J. Rutson
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Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Ms. Rutson:

I am a resident of Barrington, Illinois. My home, where my family and I have lived for 8 years, is 2 blocks 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, safety problems at rail crossings, etc. will affect my quality of life and the quality of the environment in my community.

Without a quiet zone, we are already awakened nightly by trains passing through our village. This inconvenience will significantly increase with the new train schedule. We travel regularly throughout our area for school, choir practice, trips to the hardware store, to the parks, etc. We cross those tracks at least twice daily. The increased traffic and delays, especially those caused by freight trains, is very concerning. All of these issues are sure to destroy our property values. More importantly, the train tracks must be crossed by our friends, neighbors and our children as they walk to school and parks. The very real danger to our children posed by these trains is the most frightening aspect of all.

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 and unless you are certain that all issues have been addressed. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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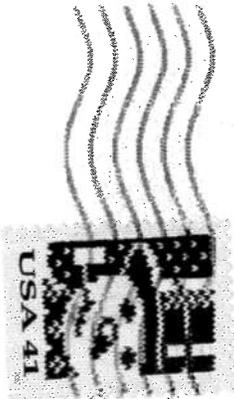
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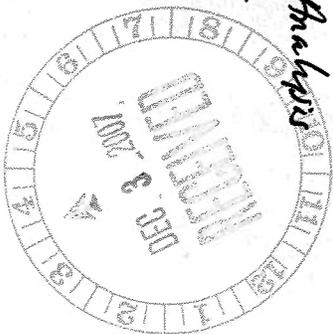
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