

Ms. Victoria J. Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
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Dear Ms. Rutson:

My name is Peter Crouch and I am a resident of Barrington, Illinois where my family and I have lived for 8 years. My home is a few hundred yards from the railroad tracks that run through Barrington. I recently heard that Canadian National Railway has 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 this estimate does not account for large increases expected in train traffic throughout the Chicago area over the next 20 years. This drastic increase in train traffic concerns me in a number of ways with the primary being the additional time emergency vehicles will be waiting at rail crossings. This extra time at some point will literally be a matter of life and death. Also, the traffic jams, noise and congestion will have a very negative impact on our environment and way of life in my community.

I have been informed that you are responsible for reviewing Canadian National Railway proposal. I think the effects mentioned 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 my community will not suffer.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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