

November 19, 2007

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

Dear Ms. Rutson:

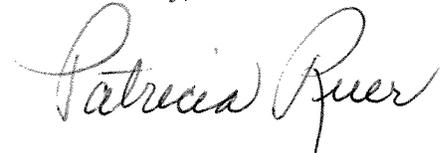
I am a resident of Barrington, IL, where the Canadian National Railroad has filed an application to purchase the EJ & E freight line. The EJ & E runs through the center of the Village of Barrington. If this purchase goes through it will have a detrimental impact on traffic flow and safety of the entire region, other villages including Barrington Hills, Lake Barrington, North Barrington, South Barrington, Tower Lakes and Deer Park and Cuba and Barrington Townships have formed a coalition to fight the acquisition's impact on our communities.

I also have a great concern because my home sits within 80 feet of the EJ & E, where I have lived for 32 years. It has been quite tolerable with 3 to 5 trains daily but with the increase to 20 trains per day the noise and the environmental impact would be unbearable. Even though this is a personal problem, there are many homes in the Village that would also be affected by the noise and frequency of the increase in trains, not to say our homes values would suffer significantly.

Please give your serious consideration to this proposal, which will affect so many villages with safety and environmental issues.

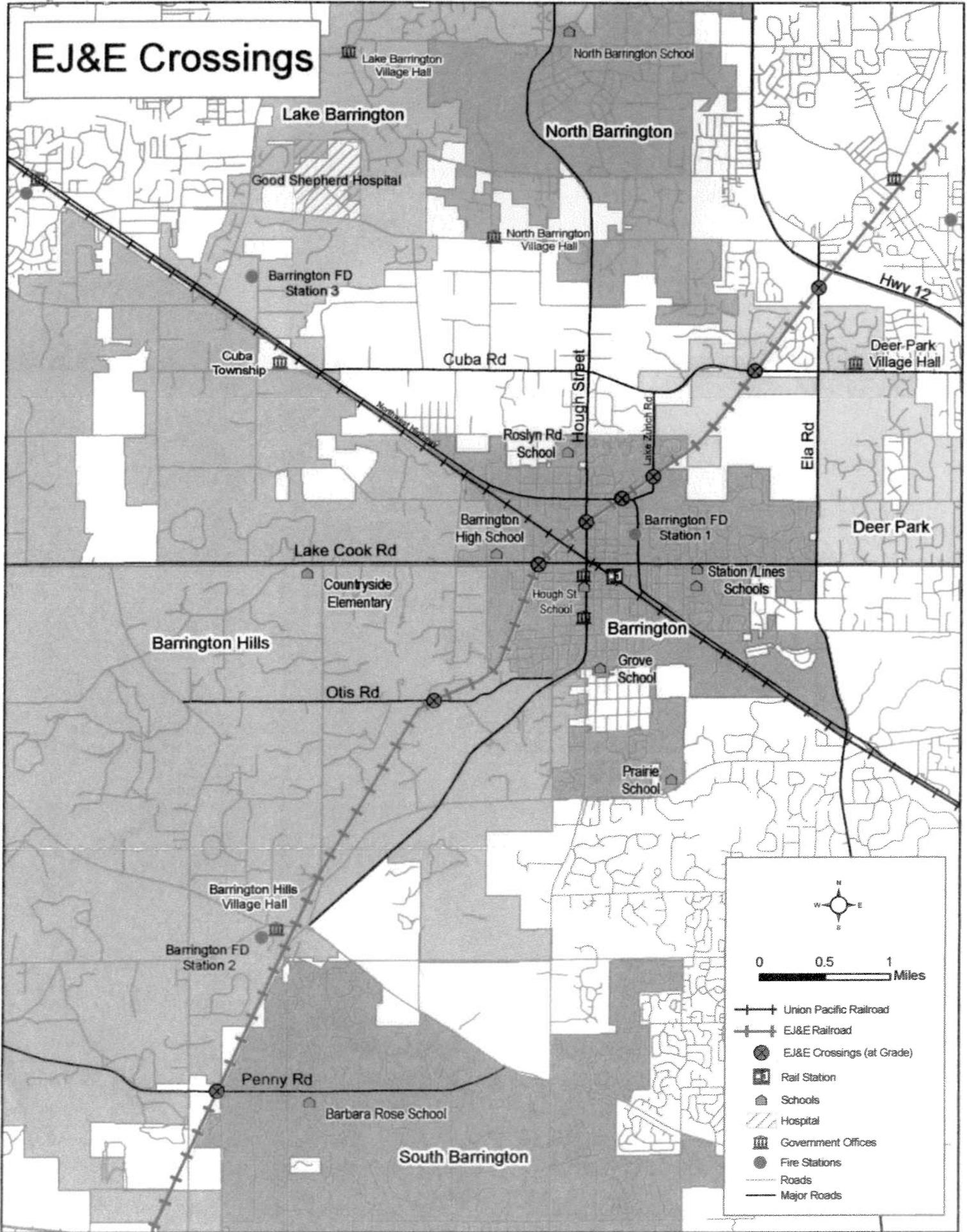
The communities affected by the acquisition will be committed and mobilized to show the STB that this is the biggest problem our villages have ever faced. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Ruer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

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# EJ&E Crossings



0 0.5 1 Miles

- Union Pacific Railroad
- EJ&E Railroad
- EJ&E Crossings (at Grade)
- Rail Station
- Schools
- Hospital
- Government Offices
- Fire Stations
- Roads
- Major Roads



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