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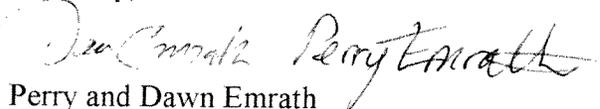
Dear Ms. Rutson,

I am a resident of Barrington, Illinois. My home, where my family and I have lived for 11 years, is 50 yards 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, emergency exits and entrances for emergency vehicles delayed, will affect my quality of life and the quality of the environment in my community. We probably cross the track as a family 16 times a day. School buses and times getting to school will greatly be affected as well.

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 you are certain noise, air, safety will not suffer. Thank you.

We chose this area because of the great quality of life here as I am certain most people residing here did as well. It would be devastating to that quality if such a pronounced presence of this railroad would occur here, the economic impact would cause much suffering throughout this whole region- which involves so many people, especially considering that Chicago is one of the largest populated cities in the country. A great deal of our population works downtown, but lives here for the great quality of life.

Sincerely,


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