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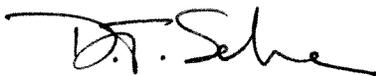
Dear Ms. Rutson:

I am a resident of Barrington, Illinois. My home, where my family and I have lived for 3 years, is roughly 100 yards from the railroad tracks that run through Barrington. I recently read that Canadian National Railway Company has proposed a project that would bring at least 15 more trains per day down these tracks. To say the least, this announcement alarmed me greatly! I became even more concerned when I heard that this estimate did not account for large increases expected in general train traffic throughout the Chicago area over the next 20 years.

The drastic increase in train volume, and possibly train length, will affect my quality of life and the quality of the environment in my community. Additionally, increased rail activity on these tracks will pose as an obstacle in the event of an emergency. Barrington Public Safety - Paramedic, police, and fire - response would be blocked from reaching my home. There would be no way for a responding agency to reach my home if a train is blocking the roads that separate my home and the Public Safety building.

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 the local environment - safety, noise, air - will not suffer. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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