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Dear Ms. Rutson:

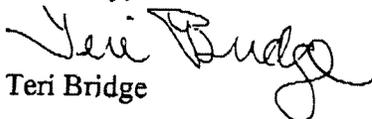
I am a resident of Deer Park, Illinois. My home, where my family and I have lived for 15 years, is one mile from the railroad tracks that cross Ela Road in Lake Zurich. The subdivision in which I live borders the railroad tracks leading to that crossing.

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, and safety problems at rail crossings will affect my quality of life and the quality of the environment in my subdivision and community.

Ela is a major road that carries heavy morning and evening commuter automobile traffic. The rail crossing at Ela Road is basically one block from Route 12, which is another major four-lane road that carries heavy traffic all day long. When trains are crossing at Ela, traffic gets backed up to Route 12 and causes significant and dangerous traffic blockages.

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 roadway safety, quality of life, and the environment in the region** will not suffer. Thank you.

Sincerely,


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