

November 27, 2007

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

Dear Ms. Rutson,

The Village of Barrington and the surrounding area is facing a disastrous situation that could destroy the homeowner's quality of life, and safety to commuters and pedestrians.

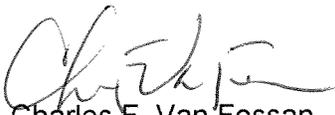
The Canadian National Railroad (CN) is seeking the United States Surface Transportation Board approval to buy the Elgin, Joliet, & Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E). The EJ&E has a line that cuts through the heart of Barrington and surrounding communities. If CN purchases EJ&E, the number of freight trains each day would increase from approximately 5 to over 20. The congestion caused from additional CN trains at each of the four railroad crossing in the Village of Barrington would essentially stagnate all vehicular traffic in the Village, impede school bus emergency vehicle movement, and eventually destroy the viability and vitality of the community.

The EJ&E line essentially cuts Barrington in half, with downtown and the middle schools on one side and the high school and Good Shepherd Hospital on the other. Ambulances would be delayed in accessing the hospital. For school children, school buses cross the EJ&E tracks 370 to 400 times a day, which would be a major safety hazard. For those children walking, biking and riding to school, railroad crossings present a serious safety concern. Rail commuters are also at risk and faced with the same delays.

The new Citizens Park, which is adjacent to the EJ&E line, will be affected by the frequency of the freight trains. Children will be exposed to these tracks.

If we are going to preserve the Village of Barrington as a safe and peaceful community—a great place to live, we need your help. Don't let traffic and pedestrian safety become a bigger concern than it already has become. Help keep Barrington, its neighbors and pedestrians safe!

Thank you,



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