

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

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Dear Ms. Rutson,

I am a new resident of Barrington Illinois as of August 2006.. My wife and I moved here to start a family in this peaceful, homey town. I live approximately 800 feet from the train tracks which run through the Cuba Marsh, a nature preserve that is adjacent to our neighborhood. We gave consideration to the train when buying here, but there were only 4-5 trains a day. The news that the Canadian National Railway would be bringing a minimum of 20+ trains a day over these tracks has me sick to my stomach.

This train line crosses 7 streets in Barrington with 4 in the very center of town. The typical freight train will be blocking 3 crossings in the center of town simultaneously. Extra long trains will be blocking 4 crossings simultaneously. Currently, the 4-5 trains a day are an inconvenience, 20+ per day will pose not only a health and safety issue for ambulance, fire and police personnel, but will also be a safety issue for our school children who with rare exception will cross these tracks twice a day. No one knows what negative impact the pollution and noise will have on the Cuba Marsh preserve wildlife.

The proposed level of rail traffic will decimate this town from a fiscal standpoint as the negative impact on property values and the necessary tax increases to offset those losses cannot be underestimated. The automobile traffic back up it will create on the three main thoroughfares through town are going to be significant. Lake Cook Road and Northwest Highway two main traffic arteries for the surrounding suburbs.

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 that citizen safety and air and noise pollution will not suffer. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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