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**Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington DC 20423
Attn: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing
STB Finance Docket No. 35087**

Dear Ms. Ball-

I am a resident of Barrington, Illinois and attended the recent meeting at Mackray Golf course regarding CN Railroad purchasing the rights to run freight trains through our town. The possibility of this happening to our beautiful, peaceful town is ABSOLUTELY DEVASTATING!

This is a quiet residential town with small businesses. I have lived here for almost 12 years with the intent to raise our boys through high school. Our town has done everything that it can to preserve a small, quaint, hometown atmosphere. This is a place where neighbors look out for each other and children walk to school. If you allow approximately 25 freight trains to run through our town every day, it will not be the same place.

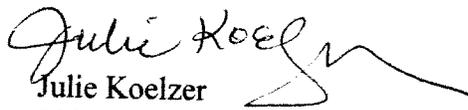
Traffic would increase significantly, emergency vehicles would no longer be able to effectively service our community, there would be increased noise and environmental pollution and it would no longer be a safe place to walk anywhere. This is just to name a few of the devastating effects.

There will be an immeasurable negative impact on our housing values in addition to the worst real estate market we have experienced in over two decades.

In closing, there are no words to describe how strongly I feel the negative impact of running these freight trains through our town would be. These are peoples' homes. It's not right to run freight trains through a residential neighborhood. If you allow this to happen to our town, please keep in mind, next time, it could be your town (maybe it's not a freight train, but a cellular tower giving off radioactive waves.) Please do what's right! Do not allow big business to cut through the middle of a town. Force the railroad to pursue alternate tracks that will not disrupt the lives of so many families.

Thank you for strongly considering the rights of Barrington residents to continue living with the quality of life that attracted us to the community in the first place.

Sincerely,



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