

**STB Finance Docket # 35087 Comment Form (CN & EJ&E)**

**Twenty "at grade" 7,500 – 10,000 foot trains a day thru Barrington will separate.....**

**Our ambulances from Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital**

- 56,000 Square Foot Emergency Room
- 58,000-square-foot, 18-bed Cardiac Care Unit

**Our police department, fire department, ambulances and many parents from Barrington High School which contains 2,892 students from a 72 square mile area including all or part of: Barrington, Barrington Hills, Carpentersville, Deer Park, Fox River Grove, Hoffman Estates, Inverness, Lake Barrington, North Barrington, Port Barrington, South Barrington, and Tower Lakes.**

**In the event of a major train incident a number of parents would be separated from picking up their children or from using bus transportation to reach our High School, two Middle Schools and nine Elementary Schools**

**In the event of a Hazardous Materials Spill or Explosive Event – Barrington High School (2,892 students + staff) is only a few thousand feet away from the rail line**

**Tragically, two young people from the Barrington area have been killed by trains in the last six months.**

**The Union Pacific Northwest Line already has 30 scheduled Metra Passenger Trains that run through Barrington. This line bisects the proposed CN Rail line in the middle of downtown Barrington and very close the State Route 59 – a major north-south commuter route. I do not know how many freight trains that run on the Union Pacific but I understand Union Pacific have requested an increased number of freight trains further compounding the problem.**

**The other major north-south commuter route on the east side of Barrington (Ela Road) will be severely impacted by the "at grade" crossing at Ela south or Rand Road. The major northwest commuter route through Barrington (Northwest Highway) will be stopped by 20 freight trains daily.**

**Based on these facts, the Surface Transportation Board should not permit 20 "at grade" freight trains through Barrington. Private, foreign investors & powerful Chicago politicians should not have priority over the safety and welfare of the local citizens of the Barrington area.**

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