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To whom it may concern:

My concern at this time is the application filed by the Canadian National Railroad (CN) seeking regulatory authorization to acquire the EJ&J Railroad Company (Docket 3FD35087).

The proposal simply does not solve congestion but simply shifts the issue from Chicago's congestion to the suburbs and impacts a new area – for me it impacts Barrington.

According to CN's application, Barrington will see more than 15 new trains per day, in addition to the 3-5 already on the line, which could back up traffic significantly, given the average train takes up to six minutes to pass a crossing.

This will be a major impact to me who has to commute daily through Barrington to get to work. Downtown Barrington area is already very congested - this change will further impact that congestion. There are no routes thru Barrington to avoid this congestion as the track runs at road-surface level across both Northwest Highway and Route 59 in downtown Barrington.


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