

January 9, 2008

Attention Surface Transportation Board:

I am against the Canadian National's acquisition of the freight line that runs through Barrington because of the negative impact it would have on the community of Barrington.

Delays caused by additional freight trains would have detrimental results:

1. life-threatening delays for some people in getting to the hospital
2. life-threatening circumstances because fire and police people could not get to an emergency scene in good time
3. negative impact to Barrington students----students would have to get up even earlier than they presently do to arrive at school on time. So many studies have been done proving that young people actually need more morning sleep than they are presently getting in order to be healthy and alert. Rising at an earlier time would be detrimental to their health, well-being and learning ability.
4. an increase of congestion
5. an increase in potential for accidents
6. an increase in noise pollution

These are but a few of the detrimental results that would occur with the addition of freight trains through the town of Barrington.

Please be aware of the negative impact additional freight trains would have on the health and safety of people of all ages.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Maureen Mack
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