

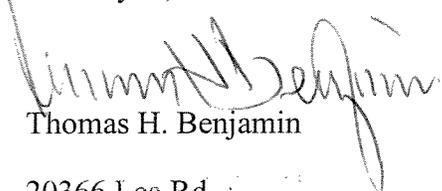
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I am a resident of the Barrington area in Lake County, IL. My home, where my family and I have lived for 32 years, is 1.2 miles from the railroad tracks that run through Deer Park, Illinois. I recently heard that Canadian National Railway Company had proposed a project that would bring at least 15 more trains per day down those tracks. This announcement alarmed me greatly. I became even more concerned when I heard that this estimate did not account for large increases expected in train traffic throughout the Chicago area over the next 20 years. The drastic increase in noise, traffic and safety problems will affect my quality of life and the quality of the environment in my community. I am especially concerned with the potential delays for emergency vehicles getting to and from the hospital, since most of our community is located on the opposite side of the E J & E R.R. tracks of Good Shepherd Hospital. Time is very critical in getting victims to a trauma unit, and the increase in train traffic will be a real life and death issue in addition to raising the risk of more train accidents in our community.

I have been informed that you are responsible for reviewing Canadian National Railway Company's proposal. 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 also 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 noise, safety and traffic issues will not suffer in our area as a result of allowing a foreign company to impact this community in a negative way

Thank you,



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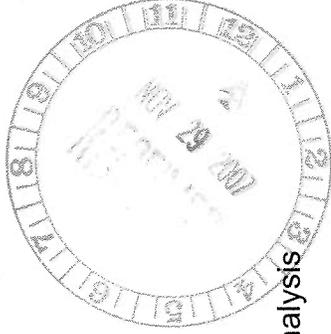
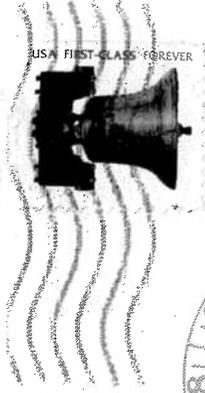
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