



STATEMENT TO THE  
SAFETY TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
MAKRAY GOLF CLUB JANUARY 9, 2008

My name is Myrene Iozzo, 5857 Leeds Road, Hoffman Estates, IL. 60192. I reside within a mile of a crossing of the proposed CN tracks. This crossing is located in a residential area on Shoe Factory Road just South of I90. The subdivision I reside in, Haverford Place, consists of 180 Ranch Homes and is a 55 of age plus community. .

The increased rail traffic would become a problem for both the Fire and Police Departments to access our community. Our subdivision is only three years old. I currently am the Chair of the Haverford Vision Committee. We do not support an increase of 400% of rail traffic within our area. One of the many reasons that we Senior Citizens moved toward the Western Area of Cook County was to leave behind the congestion, noise and pollution of the City. Without an underpass on Shoe Factory Road, traffic will be tied up over a mile in peak travel times as there are only 2 roads that travel East from our area without going 3 miles North to then only go East again.

Our immediate neighbors that reside in homes in the \$450,000.00 and upwards ranges are young families with school children that utilize both School Districts to the East and North of Shoe Factory Road. Again, the buses will be delayed by increased traffic.

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I am also employed by Richard Honquest Fine Furnishings in Barrington, IL. Many of our clients come from the North which means they must go over Route 14 and or Main Street in Barrington to access our Store. At present many of our clients and my fellow employees experience extreme delays with stalled freight lines in this area. I cannot imagine what a 400% increase would do. I am certain this will take a lot of business from the Barrington area and conceivably cause some people to lose their employment due to lack of business.

The STB must be aware of freight areas and switching areas that are in and around the City of Chicago. Most of these areas are depressed due to the noise and lack of ease of travel for residents.

I am presently on the Western Area Development Board from the Village of Hoffman Estates. The Western area of Hoffman Estates has just been developed in the past 5 years. The Village is working very hard to develop the Western area and has successfully allotted building contracts to the Sears Centre, Poplar Creek, Cabella Museum. As a member of this Board I can only see an extreme potential loss of revenue because who would want to sit through 10 to 15 minutes of freight trains to perhaps miss or be late for an event at the Sears Centre.

I urge the Board to reconsider the request of this takeover by the Canadian National Railway. If indeed this is needed for Interstate Commerce, limitations of times of trains, whistle blowing, underpasses and tax relief for the people who originally purchased and built in this area must be considered. Thank you.

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