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RE: Docket No. FD35087 (Sub-No. 8)

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing on behalf of the 68,000 residents of the Village of Palatine and our neighboring communities to express my support for the Village of Barrington's petition for railroad crossing improvements at the crossing on U.S. Route 14.

This route is part of a critical infrastructure network that impacts residents from throughout the northwest suburban Chicago area. The delays that have followed the Canadian National Railway acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company have created traffic problems in the region. The residents of Palatine are impacted as they routinely cross this area whether commuting to and from work or for family and other personal activities.

This is a regional issue and not one impacting just the Village of Barrington. Your consideration of Barrington's request for additional grade separation at U.S. 14 and the EJ&E would be appreciated.

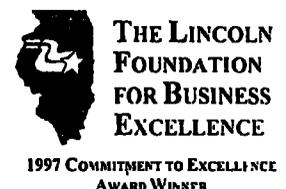
Sincerely,

Jim Schwantz
Mayor

Cc: Honorable Karen Darch, Village of Barrington
Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Honorable Mark Kirk



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this 10th day of January, 2012, caused a true copy of letters from Palatine, Illinois in support of Barrington's October 14, 2011 petition (STB Docket FD35087 - Sub-No 8) to be served by e-mail upon:

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne M. Devane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Suzanne M. Devane