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contact-message : The proposed merger would not only triple the number of trains coming through Davenport, Iowa, it would also increase the number of cars included on each train. This merger raises potentially life-threatening questions of safety. If the purpose of the Canadian Pacific - Kansas City Southern merger is to allow the railroads to ship items from Canada to Mexico, literally every single train would pass immediately in front of Modern Woodmen Park, the home of the Quad Cities River Bandits minor league baseball team. Modern Woodmen Park is the single most heavily attended building each year in Scott County, Iowa. It has more than 250,000 people enter it annually. Because the ballpark sits on a very narrow piece of land bounded by the railroad tracks to the north and the Mississippi River to the south, with literally nothing in between on either side, a stopped train or, God forbid, a derailment would effectively prevent anyone from crossing the train tracks. That means if a fan attending one of our 70 annual baseball games or one of our 180+ non-baseball events in the ballpark were to require medical assistance, he or she would be unable to receive it. There would simply be no means for an ambulance or any other vehicle to circumvent the train tracks. Moreover, there is not even a pedestrian bridge in place to allow people to escape the ballpark in the event of an emergency. Canadian Pacific has made no effort whatsoever to contact the baseball team to discuss this matter, much less to suggest any way to ameliorate it. Currently, the trains are not so long that an ambulance could not circumvent the tracks either east or west of the ballpark; longer trains would make that impossible. Moreover, CP says, by its own admission in the newspaper, that it plans to triple the number of trains running on the track immediately in front of Modern Woodmen Park. Tripling the number would mean going from 8-10 trains a day to 24-30. That could mean more than a train every hour! These trains would effectively prevent anyone from entering or exiting the baseball park. Without a vehicular bridge or at least a pedestrian bridge that would allow for people requiring medical attention to receive it or allow for a prompt response from law enforcement if necessary, the Canadian Pacific - Kansas City Southern merger should not be allowed to happen. Scott County, Iowa, is a community of more than 173,000 people; I implore you to consider the potential ramifications of allowing this merger to prevent health and safety officials from accessing the most heavily attended building in the county on a regular basis. Thank you.

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