

Surface Transportation Board
395 East Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: Canadian Pacific Railway Acquisition of Kansas City Southern, Docket #FD-36500

To the attention of the Surface Transportation Board,

I am writing to voice my deep concern regarding the Canadian Pacific - Kansas City Southern merger that will adversely impact my community. I believe the STB bears significant responsibility to fully examine and ensure that our region's infrastructure and overall wellbeing is not compromised by the drastic operational shifts of the potential merger.

Canadian Pacific Railway is already the [largest](#) transporter of oil through Minnesota, and a merger with Kansas City Southern would result in the only railway connecting Mexico, Canada and the United States. It is potentially problematic to give a foreign company this power – as they could favor their Canadian ports and businesses. This public review process provides the opportunity for the STB to evaluate the potentially serious consequences to our transportation networks.

Given the current scrutiny pipelines face, oil and gas transportation by rail will become even more frequent and important, causing a significant increase in traffic throughout Illinois and surrounding states. As many as [20 more trains](#) carrying crude oil will travel the region every month, with some rural communities seeing an increase in rail traffic [by as many as 14 additional trains](#) per day. This surge in traffic will undoubtedly contribute to an increase in the risk of transporting these hazardous materials and a merger of this type must be scrutinized relative to its immense industry and community impact. Simply put, the risk of another disaster like the [2013 oil train explosion](#) in Quebec that killed 47 people, is not worth it.

I urge you to please conduct a thorough review of both the community and environmental impacts that the increase in risk from the Canadian Pacific-Kansas City Southern merger. Many communities and residents living near the tracks will be drastically impact.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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