

Mr. Martin Oberman, Chair
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, Washington DC 20403



Dear Mr. Oberman:

I am writing regarding the proposed merger of the Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern Railroad Lines which gravely affects the Quad Cities, specifically Davenport, Iowa. Having lived in Davenport for 45 years, I have enjoyed the many amenities the community located on the banks of the Mississippi River has to offer. I fear the proposed merger of the CP and KCS will drastically impact my enjoyment of life for the following reasons:

1: I walk/bike on the Mississippi River Trail almost daily and I have to cross the tracks to reach the trail. Once I'm across the tracks there is currently a train that goes by- with the merger multiply the noise by 3- if I can even get to the trail!

2: I make frequent trips to the Davenport Compost Facility which is already a challenge because of train traffic blocking access across both entrances/exits. Multiply that problem X3.

3: I like to attend Quad City River Bandits baseball games. Parking is on city-side of the tracks, stadium on the riverside. Crossing the tracks with all the trains becomes a hazard.

4: I attend concerts and events in LeClaire Park again parking on city-side of the tracks and event's on the riverside. Additional noise distracts from enjoyment of events along with congestion and delays arriving and leaving.

Think about it - Davenport has invested millions of dollars building a wonderful riverfront trail, developing the best minor league baseball stadium in the country, maintaining an historic riverfront park for public events, including the Mississippi River Trail, Modern Woodman Park, LeClaire Park, Marquette Landing boat dock, the Veterans Memorial and the compost facility. Think about what this merger will do to diminish the quality of life for the residents of Davenport with noise constantly in town and congestion getting to and from all the amenities that our tax dollars already paid for: Our tax dollars paid to build all these amenities that make Davenport special to its residents. Don't waste our money by allowing this merger that is good for the railroad, but not for the community!

Sincerely,
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