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



Dear Mr. Oberman and Board

I am writing in opposition to the Canadian Pacific-Kansas City Southern proposed railroad merger.

I live close to the riverfront in Davenport Iowa where amenities such as a minor league baseball park, a riverboat landing dock, a venue for summer concerts and activities, commercial properties, and residences are all "South" of the tracks. Rather than 7 current trains going through daily, the number will increase to 22! This means a tremendous increase in noise pollution and especially raises safety issues as emergency vehicles may not be able to cross the tracks to save a life as they wait for a noisy 2 mile long train to go through. The City of Davenport has spent countless hours and money to develop our riverfront. My fear is the merger will ruin our city, our riverfront with the increase in numbers, in traffic, with potentially unsafe loaded cars.

And for what? So that a train can run from Canada to Mexico? So that river towns along the route can be destroyed? So that more money can go into the pockets of an already very rich corporation?

Please consider this merger carefully and oppose for the good of our livelihood. Thank you.

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