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Mr. Martin J. Oberman, Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW Washington, DC 20423

Dear Chairman Oberman:

As you can see from the above I live in Iowa between the Mississippi River and the railroad tracks which run next to the Great River Road (Hwy 67). For the past two years the railroad has been working on the tracks, raising them so they make more noise, and parking their cars behind my house with their klieg lights on all night long. The corner one-half a block from my house has sounded like a rail yard.

I am writing you with a request to deny the merger between Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern, docket number 36500. Much to my dismay, the railroad is destroying my house.

My house was built in 2016 with full-cut boards and plaster and lathe. I have lived here for 45 years. Last winter the porta cachere started to pop and snap. I thought insects had gotten into it, but after calling the pest control people, that was not the case. Everyone said it was "settling". I had my doubts, since this was not new construction.

This summer I noticed one of the top sashes of my porch window had dropped. I looked again a couple of weeks ago, and two more of them have dropped. These sashes have been attached to the frame since I moved here 45 years ago. My only conclusion is the vibration of the railroad which is shipping heavier and longer trains (2 miles most of the time) every day. To increase the number of trains would surely damage my house further, not to mention those homes and businesses along the route.

If you do the math, each gallon of crude oil weighs 7.21 pounds. Take that times the 27,000 gallons per car, and you have 19,467 pounds per car, and multiply that by the additional trains suggested to be added – 104 – and you have 20,245,568 pounds of moving material running down the road. That is going to set up major vibrations. It is impossible, in my opinion, to mitigate that damage.

I have included a picture of my house and pictures of the dropped sashes. The tracks are about an acre away, and there is a large stand of trees between the house and the

tracks which SHOULD absorb some of the vibration. However, it is too much for the buildings to withstand. I have no idea what other damage has been, or will be done to my home.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Geiger".

Ann Geiger



The top sash of my front porch windows which has pulled away after over 100 years.



This was taken from the back of my 150-foot deep lot. You can see the tracks in the lower right hand section.

