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To the Board concerning CP/KCS Merger

Human life vs machine.

What you decide is a decision you will have made for another person to live by, not just for a couple of months or a few years, but this is forever.

If you are going to vote yes, then you are robbing us of the quality of life that we have now. Why would you want to do this? For what?

The purpose of a train (machine) is to transport a commodity from Point A to point B in the fastest time possible & it only needs fuel & guidance.

This machine does what it is supposed to do, push & pull, shove and be shoved & all the while making noise, very loud noises day in and day out because it is such a very large machine. The noise is unbearable, each & every day 7 days a week & 24 hours a day. It never takes a day off.

This is a giant piece of equipment & as you know it is a piece of machinery that seems to create some bad feelings. It passes through little towns & cities, not too many a day, blowing its whistle, & doing its job, but then sometimes it runs into trouble, this is my worry. The trouble it causes.

That machine does not need clean air to breathe, does not care if it damages your lungs, nor does it care if it damages your hearing. Nor does it care about the smell of the oil, grease and grime that come with such large machines.

With the motion of the wheels and its grinding and then trying to stop causing the wheels to squeal against the tracks, the sounds of switching cars, oh that is such a loud bang and this is with 4 or 5 trains. This goes on 24 -7. What in the world will it be like if you ok

this vote and you add 17 more trains to make it a total of 22 and to think this is going to be 24hrs a day and you think It is ok with maybe 5 trains and now you want to say it is ok to listen to this with 22 trains?

Oh, you can bet It will bring health problems with so many trains. The lungs need fresh air, the constant noise from the wheels squealing & the cars changing, it will start to affect your hearing. It brings on stress.

If the news reporters tell of an accident & if the word railroad is mentioned you stress, wondering what the next words will be, when the railroad is involved, it doesn't matter what kind of an accident it is, derailment, or a vehicle involvement there are other lives involved.

Also, what was being transported? If it was a chemical or hazard material, what are we facing? and remember-we also sit on the Mississippi River- now we are talking about contamination & it involves our water supply. As you see in just minutes one engine can affect so many lives, innocent lives and robbing us of our health & quality of life.

If you said you wanted to increase the daily trains by 2 or 3 a day, that would also have an impact, but we are not talking small increase we are talking 22 trains a day. If your neighbor continued with noise every day, day in and day out and you would hear nothing except some type of a loud tool or a large machine running, how would you react & that is what it is going to be like. And that my friend is the quality of life that if the board votes yes will impose on us.

Will we be able to sit in the yard and enjoy the outdoors or is that something that I must give up. I won't be able to hear a child laugh or hear the birds or the sound of a horn that my neighbor just wants to beep to just say high. I sure hope you are not taking my freedom away and giving it to a machine so it can get from point A to point B. Compare it to the lives that will be turned upside down & our life will be a life of hell -all because you as a board made a decision, one that you don't have to live with, but one that was imposed on us to live with.

We are just a class of working people, living day by day and come home to enjoy the family. At times we sit in the yard, or maybe talk

to the neighbor, or hear a kid crying down the street or enjoy a beer & wondering if it is a plane or a star in the sky, we enjoy the peace & the quiet life. This will be gone with your vote of yes. The increased train traffic will bring concerns of safety, along with contributing to health issues.

If the board votes yes, then our life will change dramatically. We didn't have a vote in this decision. And yet we must give up our freedom, and conform to our new way of life, that you the board voted yes for, for a life that you thought would be best for us and with all the trains and the problems they bring. It will be a life of hell.

I beg the board to vote no concerning merger.

Thank you for letting me express my concerns.

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