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Message: I would like to begin by addressing the fact that I am outraged that Aurora residents have not been included in STB's informational meetings. Our town held a meeting to provide information to its citizens...many like myself, who live only a block or so from the McCoy, and/or Liberty crossings.

I would think there would be more caution for Environmental Justice to focus on those areas as many of the homes neighboring these tracks are of lower income families.

Additionally, I would like to inform you of a gross misrepresentation in your summary of fatalities for the Liberty Street crossing. In November 2007 there was a car that was struck by a train killing the mother (driver) of that vehicle. I was at the scene of that accident. Why is that misrepresented in your fact sheets?

Obviously, I am discouraged that the desire to transport chemicals, petrochemicals and steel through our neighborhood is even given the possibility...let alone having the train traffic quadruple through residential areas that never intended having traffic of that magnitude running on those tracks.

This is our neighborhood...the environmental impact of this purchase by CN is beyond the scope of my wildest dreams. If a train derailed, many of us would be evacuated from our homes as these "chemicals" were cleaned. Truly, I know they would never really be gone, it would be impossible...a portion of the "uncleanable" would become a part of my environment forever.

I firmly want it to be understood that I do not want this sale to take place...it would damage our environment in so many ways it's impossible to list them all.

Mark Hosticka

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