

Ms. Victoria J. Rutson
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Dear Ms. Rutson:

I am a resident of Barrington, Illinois. My home, where my family and I have lived for 11 years, is 1 block from the railroad tracks that run through Barrington. I am also a small business owner in downtown Barrington and more traffic congestion will hurt my business. I recently heard that Canadian National Railway Company had proposed a project that would bring at least 15 more trains per day down those tracks. This announcement alarmed me greatly. I became even more concerned when I heard that this estimate did not account for large increases expected in train traffic throughout the Chicago area over the next 20 years. The drastic increase in noise, traffic congestion, safety problems at rail crossings will affect my quality of life and the quality of the environment in my community let alone a decrease in my property value.

My family crosses these tracks several times a day and I am concerned for my children's safety especially since we have had 4 train deaths in as many months. A 17 year old friend of my sons last week! I have been informed that you are responsible for reviewing Canadian National Railway Company's proposal. I think that the effects I discussed above warrant serious consideration before you allow Canadian National to move forward. You hold the safety and well-being of not only my family, but that of an entire region in your hands. I trust that you and the rest of the Board will thoroughly review Canadian National's proposal for any and all effects on the environment and affected communities. I am asking that you deny this proposal or live with knowing that you have allowed the dangers and the decrease in the quality of life for the citizens of Barrington.

Sincerely,



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