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Surface Transportation Board
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ARE YOU LISTENING STB??? We, Barrington residents are NOT just talking about one little train crossing causing a little more congestion! We are talking about DISECTING our town North to South on 5 of our major roads! We are talking not only about the "death of a town" and all of the families that make up this town, but also about a "major loss of property values"!!

We need to look at the "Big Picture" here, hello:

...People in the Barrington Area are 100% dependent on shallow groundwater aquifers for our drinking water. We don't have Lake Michigan Water.

CN has been known for their rail spillage! Toxic and carcinogenic liquid chemicals that can quickly enter the shallow aquifers, could permanently
DESTROY OUR DRINKING WATER!!

...The Canadian Rail Safety committee, recently gave CN the "LOWEST EVALUATION POSSIBLE" for their safety management systems to offset accidents.

Our CHILDRENS' LIVES are at stake, since our school buses cross the tracks 840 times a day not counting the extracurricular activities, not to mention all of the children who walk to school!!

...Our retailers in downtown Barrington are already suffering from loss of business due to congestion. We already live with congestion and delays

but the added trains would DESTROY the "lives and pocketbooks" of the business people who have made Barrington their homes.

...Fire engines won't be reaching burning homes, ambulances will be delayed and have the potential of the loss of many, many lives. MANY MORE

DEATHS AND TRAGEDIES WILL OCCUR due to the tremendous delays!!!

...Property values will go down, down, down with Barrington known as "THAT TRAIN TOWN" that buyers will AVOID, because you just can't get around those 5 trains

that dissect the town of the CN railroad, AND the Metra trains that also cross through our town. Buyers are already avoiding moving here until they know what the

decision will be. I have clients that are moving out of this great town, fearful of living in a community that no one can navigate without 30 minutes to an hour delay in any direction! I, personally feel, that the added trains coming through, would bring our property values down 30-40% along the railway lines, and an additional

20-30% for the residents in other areas of Barrington, even if they are on the far North and South ends of the town, because when buyers "search" for

places to live and raise their families, we'll have the reputation of being "THAT TRAIN TOWN", and it won't take long for word to get around that this is the town that is wrecked with havoc in every part of our lives due to the CN! I watched, witnessed, and represented the poor sellers along the proposed Rt. 53 for many years. I've been actively selling real estate for the past 31 years with over 1 billion in personal sales in the NW suburbs of Chicago. Based on my experience, I feel that you are talking about "tons of equity" being LOST in homeowners homes!!! We're in hard times anyway, financially, for so many people, and this equity represents the taxpayers "retirement money" for so many people!

...There is no money from our State or Federal Money to cover any mitigation, and our town is small and already congested. They expect we, the Taxpayers and residents of Barrington to pay for approximately 50% of their costs to mitigate to help them out and save CN a little time??

ARE WE KIDDING!!! Is our government watching over the best interests of the people who make up this great nation! The CN is now putting pressure on the STB and asking to change the decision making board because the delays are jeopardizing their transaction! Does anyone care about the potential "DEATH OF A GREAT TOWN"!! STB, are you listening and watching out for our families????????????????

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