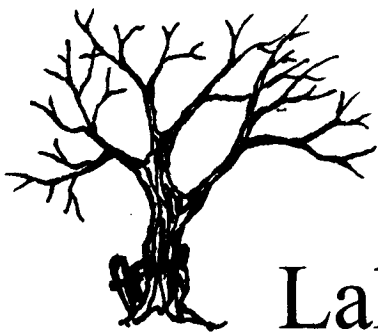




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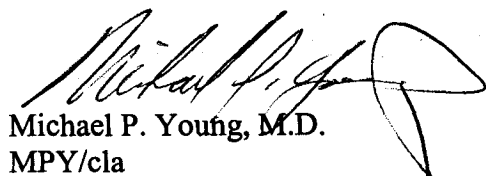
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To the Section of Environmental Analysis & Surface Transportation Board:

I have been a physician at Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, IL for the past 25 years. I have also been a resident of Barrington for that same time period. The hospital has grown dramatically during this time period as a patient-friendly hospital and organization. It is the medical home to many of the surrounding communities. Unfortunately, there is great concern by myself, and others in my community that the purchase of the E J & E by Canadian Northern will be of great detriment to their health. I believe that this is directly related to Canadian Northern's intent that mitigation of the interfaces with the major highways in the area will not be dealt with by their company. This is really not conducive to good patient care. They have made a stance that patients can be transported to other institutions or medically stabilized in an ambulance; in fact, that is far from the situation. Hospitals are not routinely close enough to one another where delaying care in an emergent situation is feasible. I am sure that if the spouse of the person making this decision was in the back of an ambulance with a myocardial infarction waiting in traffic for the train to pass, they would be fairly unhappy with the inability of Canadian Northern to place an underpass under the major intersections in our community.

I would urge the Surface Transportation Board to deny Canadian Northern's attempt to purchase this railroad unless there is guaranteed mitigation for the major intersections, Route 14, Route 59, and Lake Cook Road, in our town of Barrington, Illinois.

Best Regards,


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