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Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company

STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Date: 8/27/08

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

The proposed purchase + use of the ET+E RR by the CN will destroy the town of Barrington in its current form. Two mile long trains will completely block all roads making it impossible for people, and most importantly, for emergency personnel to cross the tracks for extended periods of time. These acts will absolutely cause a higher death rate if people in ambulances are denied fast care due to the traffic impasse. How can this be allowed?

The high school students are at extreme risk of accidents as the train passes about 600 ft from the entrance. How many students will have to die for the STB to see the dire consequences of having 2 mile long trains blocking their access routes to school?

Traffic is nearly unbearable now with clouds of exhaust filling the air in cement traffic jams. The number of cars expected to sit at the train crossings 20 times a day now for trains much longer than we currently have, will cause a tremendous amount of increased pollution. Two of the crossings in this area are in delicate environmental areas: Cuba Marsh and Citizens Park. Why should our environmental areas, designated as federally protected, be subjected to potentially disastrous pollution?

The fact that the SDG feels that only one crossing on Hwy 59, need mitigation in this area is ridiculous. The crossing at Hwy 14 is tremendously busy and there are many accidents there already. How **YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!** can you possibly ignore this danger?

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