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To The STB
Regarding the ej and e railroad

Dear Board Members,

You have been empowered to reach a decision that could destroy the n.w. road/traffic/commuting corridor plus a number of communities.

Barrington in particular is bisected by the ej and e at 3 major highways: 59 n-s, 14 nw-se, and lake cook e-w. Shutting down these roads would occur simultaneously in Barrington making the ability to live and or work here or commute through this area virtually impossible. In addition, the ej and e would simultaneously cross the nw commuter and freight line.

This is not your usual we do not like the noise concern. The viability of our community and businesses is at stake as is the traffic flow throughout this region. Grade separations would be mandatory if alternatives can not be found on established lines to the east or looking west out to the Mississippi River.

We are hopeful you will recognize this very grave threat and act accordingly, Thank you very much.

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Handwritten signatures of Suzanne Gibson and Mark Gibson. The signature of Suzanne Gibson is written above the signature of Mark Gibson.