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To the Editor:

BARTLETT - \$10,000.00 DOWN THE DRAIN

Our Trustees have spent \$10,000.00 of our money to help Barrington and other poorly informed municipalities fight the Canadian National Railway purchase of the EJ&E Railroad.

It appears they have no idea of the transportation system in this country. There are studies that show congestion, on the highways, to increase 40% by 2020. There are also studies showing rail congestion on the rise during this same period.

Now let us look at the Brewster Creek Industrial Park. Buildings with 500,000 or more square feet, with only doors to receive truck shipments and not one foot of rail in the park.

How do you get to the park ? Route 59 is heavily traveled today with trucks and auto congestion. Accidents at the intersection of Route 59 and Stearns Road are numerous.

One rail car removes 3 trucks from the highway and is 3 times more fuel efficient and has a better safety record.

All of the towns that have a railroad running through them should look at the long range effect and not just today or tomorrow.


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**Rep. Peter J. Roskam
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Once again you have failed "ECONOMICS".

Your recent proposal for "Inter-Suburban Commuter Rail" fails to address where the money is coming from to build. It also fails to mention that several decades ago Barrington protested against the "Star Line" proposal.

Now, what about the thousands of trucks that are parked because of fuel costs. Would you want to own a fleet of trucks that get 5 miles per gallon and pay \$5.00 per gallon for fuel? What about the drivers who are now setting at home and the trucking companies who are going bankrupt or are in the process.

Who is going to move the goods to market? Who moves more goods at less cost per mile, and is more Environmentally Friendly? The answer is "RAIL".

The railroads were responsible for the building of towns along their lines and now the towns are turning their backs on them.

Regards:



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