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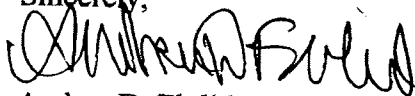
Dear Ms. Rutson:

I am a resident of Barrington, Illinois. My home, where my family and I have lived for 2 years, is 1 mile from the railroad tracks that run through Barrington. I recently heard that Canadian National Railway Company had proposed a project that would bring at least 15 more trains per day down those tracks. This announcement alarmed me greatly. I became even more concerned when I heard that this estimate did not account for large increases expected in train traffic throughout the Chicago area over the next 20 years. The drastic increase in noise, traffic, and safety problems at rail crossings will affect my quality of life and the quality of the environment in my community.

Barrington has basically one major road running north and south through town, Route 59. With the commuter trains and the freight trains, it is a traffic nightmare from 7-9am and 4-7pm. This is not just local traffic either. Many commuters use Route 59 to cut from the tollway (I90) up to Route 12, which is a major road heading up to Wisconsin. Route 59 is only a 2-lane road, and when the trains coupled with the rush hour traffic turn Route 59 into a parking lot, there is no way for emergency vehicles to get through. Even if the cars wanted to move over to let the ambulance or fire truck by, there is no where for them to go. It is solid bumper to bumper traffic from Highland Rd. north to Cuba Road. Adding more freight trains through the area will only make this problem worse!

I have been informed that you are responsible for reviewing Canadian National Railway Company's proposal. I think that the effects I discussed above warrant serious consideration before you allow Canadian National to move forward. You hold the safety and well-being of not only my family, but that of an entire region in your hands. I trust that you and the rest of the Board will thoroughly review Canadian National's proposal for any and all effects on the environment and affected communities. Please do not approve this proposal until you are certain noise and safety will not suffer. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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