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Attention Phillis Johnson-Ball
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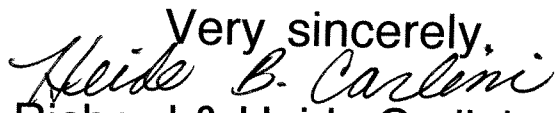
Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

I am writing this letter to plead our case to the Surface Transportation Board. We have been residents of Barrington for the last ten years. It is a beautiful community with charm and character. We live in Barrington proper and shop several times a week at the grocery store, use the library several times per week and visit our doctors monthly, sometimes more. Our subdivision is made up of 118 homes-all maintained and lived in by wonderful people most of whom are retired. It is NOT a 55 or over community but we are all that age or over. Fifty percent of our homeowners are widows or widowers, and many are very elderly. Everyone here has downsized from larger homes in the area. We often have ambulances here for falls, or other difficulties often shared among people who are very elderly.

Now we all feel that we are on the "WRONG SIDE OF THE TRACKS". This proposed Canadian National Railway acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway is shocking to all of us. To add 20 additional freight trains to our downtown will KILL our town. And of much more concern to all of us is the threat of lessened fire protection and ambulance access. I do not want to

be the one in an ambulance held up an additional 20 minutes to my Good Shepherd Hospital. We are 10-15 minutes by car and it is where our insurance (Blue Cross HMO)allows us to go-NOT SOME HOSPITAL IN HOFFMAN ESTATES OR SCHAUMBURG. In addition to this most important reason, all of our property values will drop now that we will b e on the" WRONG SIDE OF THE TRACKS." Our home is everything to us but we would consider moving to a suburb that would NOt be affected by this terrible idea. Keep the railway in Chicago and PLEASE do not allow this acquisition to occur. The gossip around town is that it is a DONE DEAL. We pray that it is NOT TRUE.



Very sincerely,

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