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Ms. Victoria J. Rutson
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Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Ms. Rutson:

I am a resident of Barrington, Illinois. My home, where my family and I have lived for four years, is six miles 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 traffic congestion and safety problems at rail crossings will affect my quality of life and the quality of the environment in my community.

My husband crosses the tracks daily when driving to and from work, and I cross them in my daily life leaving and entering Barrington for appointments, etc.

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 of the impact on the area's population and that the additional noise, poor air quality, safety and congestion that our hometown will potentially suffer. Thank you.

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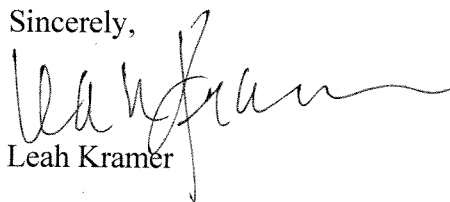
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