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Attn. Phillis Johnson-Ball
STB Finance Docket No 35087
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My name is Lauren Tihinen. I live in west Hoffman Estates Illinois and my house is two houses away from the railroad. I will be extremely impacted with the increased freight on the CN railroad if this proposal is passed. My house already vibrates and shakes when the train goes through. Also, it is so loud I keep my windows closed all year round. The traffic congestion from the trains is bad now. If you add 20 trains a day the backups will be enormous. Emergency vehicles would have to take a long detour to get to my neighborhood if case of a train blocking the only direct route. My children go the Barrington schools and they have to cross these tracks twice one way to get to their high school. This proposal could more than double their commute time one way. Also, we have to cross these tracks to gain access to the bike path. This is a huge safety hazard. Please consider the families and neighborhoods when you make a final decision. I know you want to do what is best for all involved but please keep the people who have to live with it in your heart. Thank you for your consideration and time.

Sincerely, Lauren Tihinen

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