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Environmental Impact Statement

Comment Form

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company

STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Date: 8-27-08

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

I am firmly against the acquisition by Canadian National that will bring increased freight traffic through Barrington, Illinois. There are many arguments against this. Foremost is the detrimental effect the increased rail traffic will bring to our community's health & wellbeing. Enough traffic already passes through our town on Rt. 59 & Lake Cook/Main Streets & Northwest Highway. The environmental impact of thousands & thousands of extra stopped, idling, backed-up automobile traffic will be enormous. Air pollution will greatly increase. Hazardous freight will greatly increase. Invasive species will be brought to our local environment as they hitch-hike on trains. Emergency vehicles will have to wait & wait as the blocked crossings multiply (this is already a problem with the current railway situation! The environmental impact on groundwater could be enormous. Etc., etc. etc.! There are hundreds & hundreds & thousands of natural acres, home to wildlife, used for recreation, preserving the environment - a hard thing to find in suburbia. Pedestrians on their way to school, cars & buses bringing children to school will be endangered.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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Please do not ruin our way of life!!!

Andrew Zirnik