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Surface Transportation Board

395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
Attn. Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing
STB Finance Docket NO 35087

Dear Phillis,

I live in Lake Barrington and work at a family owned business (Corporate Identity) located in the Octagon House on Main Street in Village of Barrington. My family owns the Octagon House and Corporate Identity is a now a successful business that was started by my mother over 30 years ago

The Octagon House is located in the center of the Village on Main Street (Lake Cook Road), between the E&J Rail lines and the Metra Rail lines. Working at this location allows me to have a unique perspective toward the impact of increasing the rail traffic

First, these two train lines intersect just north of the largest population density in Barrington. Since the two trains cannot pass through the intersection at the same time, the train lines must pass through the intersection at opposing times. Sharing the intersection means that the increase in CN traffic can only occur when there is not a Metra train is not utilizing that intersection. Based on the proposed increase, the congestion in the village will increase exponentially, virtually sending a train through the center of the village at all times.

Barrington has recently invested in an emergency response building that includes both the Fire and Police departments on Northwest Highway, Southeast of the E&J line. This rail line must be crossed for our emergency response department to get to only hospital in Barrington as well as the Barrington High School. The proposed increase in rail traffic would significantly increase the response time to these critical common locations. Additionally, this rail line separates the highest density of the population from the hospital and high school

Good Shepherd hospital has recently added a state of the art award winning cardiac care unit. It is one of just 12 cardiac programs in the State of Illinois to be identified by Blue Cross/Blue Shield as being a "Center of Distinction for Cardiac Care". I personally discussed response times with representatives of Good Shepherd Hospital. They informed me that in situations such as heart attacks and choking, simply adding a 10-15 minute delay in response time can easily be the difference between a potential full recovery and permanent brain/heart damage or even death.



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Increasing the number of trains containing petrochemicals through the area will have a significant environmental and safety impact to the area. Earlier this week in Harvard, Illinois we saw the evacuation of 1-1/2 mile radius after the derailment and spill of ethylene oxide (carcinogen & flammable chemical). In that case, State and Federal EPA officials were able to evacuate the area and there were no casualties. The proposed CN train line backs to the Barrington Park District, the daycare that my daughters attend and Lake County Forest Preserves. Additionally, Barrington High School and Lake Zurich High School (where my wife works as an administrator) are both located adjacent to this rail line. A similar spill in either area would surely not be as fortunate, both in casualties and environmental impact.

The impact of the proposed increase in rail congestion would be devastating to the area. This is not simply a quality of life issue due to noise pollution, vibration damage, lower property values or the economic ripple effects due to longer commutes, changing start and end times of schools, affecting when parents can work and businesses throughout the area, etc. Increasing traffic on the two rail lines that intersect Barrington will cause such significant traffic congestion that it will result directly impact our safety. Stopping this increase in rail traffic congestion is critical to the safety of the citizens of Barrington and our environment.

Respectfully,

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