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Dear Chief Rutson,

As a mother of three children who all attend Barrington schools, I would like to express great concern on the matter of the projected acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad that runs through the village of Barrington. If the acquiring of the railroad by The Canadian National Railway does take place, there would be many clear disadvantages to the village of Barrington.

I have two teens who attend Barrington High School, traffic becomes extremely congested before and after school hours and the 20 plus trains would not only cause greater amounts of traffic, but it would increase the risk of vehicles and buses becoming trapped on tracks during bumper to bumper traffic. Out town is already plagued with massive amounts of traffic at all times of day with the three or five trains that come through currently, I cannot even begin to imagine what 20 something trains would look like. The tracks also cross other major busy roads like Lake Cook, Northwest Highway, Ela, and many others, which would become a huge problem.

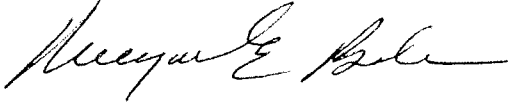
More importantly, emergency vehicles may also have problems accessing the high school or any other school or business in the area with the increased amount of traffic and trains. This is a major issue that would affect the quality of care for our children and neighbors.

The greater amount of trains would also be dangerous for kids walking to and from school as well as people going in and out of local businesses that run parallel or in close proximity to the tracks.

There would also be the issue of pollution and the detrimental affects the new amount of trains would have on local parks and the people who live in close distance of the tracks. Barrington would not be the only town affected. There are many surrounding villages that the EJ&E change would affect. Barrington is committed to excellence, and maintaining safety for our children. The purchase of the EJ&E by the Canadian National

Railway would negatively affect the beauty of our town, and the health and safety of our children.

Sincerely,



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cc: Phillis Johnson-Bell ✓

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