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Surface Transportation Board
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RE: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Rutson,

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In regards to the above referenced docket number we would like to express our concern.

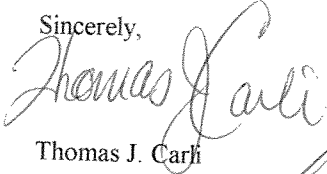
Hindsight is always 20/20. We pray that the STB will look very closely at the detrimental effects of additional trains going through our quaint town. We are sure that most of the townspeople are aware that this purchase is inevitable, in spite of this, it is the Surface Transportation Boards responsibility, to all cities involved, to make sure that the impact is minimal. This purchase will, most definitely, ease congestion throughout the Chicagoland area. We have been stuck at quite a few of those overcrowded crossings and our wish is to not have our town looking as congested, industrial and filthy as some of the cities currently overrun by trains.

As we cannot attest to other crossings in the area we will focus on the crossings that we use most as parents.

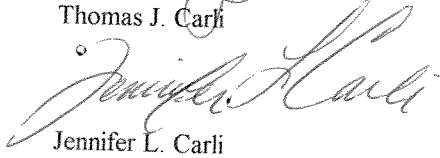
- The crossings at Center Road, Sauk Trail, Pfeiffer and Harlem Avenues would be seriously effected. The access to Chelsea School by emergency vehicles would be seriously impeded should a train be stuck at any of those intersections, not to mention the buses getting to and from the school. We would hope for an overpass for the cars to get through in a timely manner, specifically on Sauk Trail near Pfeiffer and Harlem Avenue (near Prestwick) as they appear to be the most traveled route for emergency vehicles and buses.
- Noise and air pollution from the additional trains have become a topic of conversation at most neighborhood get-togethers. The present 6.4 trains that nearly go through my backyard are loud enough. We hear the horns, the rumbling and feel the vibrations every time they go past. I can't imagine what 28 or more much heavier trains will do to the foundation of our house and to the environment. We came out to, what most would consider to be, the boondocks to have cleaner air for our children and I would hope that the STB will be considering a "green" answer in an effort to combat the noise and air pollution additional trains are sure to produce. Believe me, I am not a radical environmentalist, but it is only logical to assume that trees would be a natural barrier/answer to both noise and air pollution.
- Our final concern will be the additional hazardous materials being carried by these trains. Will the village be aided by the Federal government should a spill occur? Our water supply would be directly affected as we are supplied by Village well and not Lake Michigan water.

In conclusion, we would like to thank you for your attention to this matter and that you please consider the long term consequences regarding this very controversial topic. This is not just a business agreement that will make it easier to get from point A to point B. This effects people and their day to day lives on a long term basis. Please take all the information you receive and put yourself in the same situation. How would you feel if this was your life?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas J. Carli".

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer L. Carli".

Jennifer L. Carli

cc: Jerry Ducay, Village of Frankfort
Via e-mail