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As a lifelong resident of Barrington, IL, I have witnessed the NIMBY (not in my backyard) mentality for years. While no one likes freight trains, the reality is that they are the most cost efficient mode of transportation (after barge and pipelines, which are very limited) and that the goods that people rely on getting at stores need to get there somehow. If rail traffic is curtailed, that will mean more trucks, and then they would complain about that. Rail congestion in the Chicago area is a very real problem and if re-routing some traffic alleviates this congestion, then Barrington and other areas will have to accept it. They site safety and environmental issues since they are the cause du jour. The bottom line is they don't want the noise and traffic delays. Barringtonians are too good for that, let other communities live with that. The STB must look at the overall effect that this purchase will have on rail traffic in the entire Chicago area, not just the negatively effected suburbs.
Now, if you could get rid of that ridiculous law requiring trains to blow their whistles at all crossings, that would really help out the entire country!