

August 27, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington DE 20423
Ref: STB Finance Docket No 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

I am writing in regard to the proposed CN Railroad Acquisition.

This situation will be of no benefit for the Barrington community and the surrounding areas.

I live in Crystal Lake and work in Barrington, Illinois. On my day off I drive to the Barrington area for shopping and all of my family's medical doctors are in Barrington associated with Good Shepherd Hospital.

I cross the railroad tracks many times during the week. The CN Railway will create a traffic nightmare for this community. Traffic comes to a stand still during the morning and evening commutes as it is.

This railway will cause immense problems for the children of Barrington trying to get to school via the bus and the high school students and teachers who drive. This will put a strain on safety and time. What concerns me is the particular safety of the young high school drivers, who will try to find unsafe, alternate routes to try to get to school to bypass the congestion and will be speeding to get to school on time. If there is an emergency, how do the police and firefighters get to the scene when there is a three-mile train going through the main intersection of town?

This railway situation will not help the shopping districts in the community as well. There will be lost revenue in sales for the Barrington area retailers. The consumer will

find other areas to shop that are easily accessible in other communities. It will not be convenient for them.

Approval of the CN Railroad Acquisition will provide no positive benefit to the Village of Barrington, its residences and its retail community.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ellen Burg".

Ellen Burg
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