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To the Surface Transportation Board
RE: increase in use the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad

As a homeowner who resides very close to the railroad, if this initiative goes through I am very seriously considering selling my home and leaving the area, and I don't think I will be alone.

The increase in travel will result in even worse traffic scenarios, making a dangerous intersection (Montgomery Rd. crossing) even more so, not to mention the impact of possible toxic waste spills on the area. I am assuming it is more efficient or cost effective for the railroad to route through here. Will any of that profit be used to ease the inconvenience, impact, and pollution that it is causing?

I have not heard any plans to that end- not that any amount of money could right a toxic spill. Even if that is a slim chance, what gives you the right to take that risk with thousands of students, citizens, and the surrounding land?

Please consider smart ways to expand the system. This is not one of them.

Cheryl Holz

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