

January 28, 2008

Ms. Victoria J. Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Rutson,

Your concern for the safety of the citizens of Barrington, Illinois is most appreciated. Canadian National Railroad's plan to purchase the EJ&E Railroad and dramatically increase the amount of freight traffic through our town will be devastating if implemented.

The railroad tracks run diagonally through our town with six grade level crossings. An average length freight train simultaneously blocks all traffic in Barrington. A significant increase in freight train activity will result in a gridlock and a dangerous nightmare. For example, the safety of our children will be at risk as they walk to and from four elementary, two middle, and one high school all located within the Village of Barrington. Emergency vehicles will be slow in responding to emergencies. Fire, ambulance, and police help waiting for freight trains to clear crossings (or multiple crossings) will mean the difference between life and death for those seeking 911 assistance.

I understand that the STB has the authority to approve or disapprove the CN/EJ&J acquisition. Please do your statutory duty and keep the people of Barrington safe. Please do not approve the CN acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad. Any approval of the CN acquisition should be expressly conditioned upon enforceable conditions to mitigate the adverse impact of the acquisition on the Village of Barrington. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,


Amy Breidenbach
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Barrington, Illinois 60010

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