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**Re: CP-KCS Merger (STB No. 36500) – Comment on Draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS)
Opposition to Metra's Request to Build the Glenview Holding Track**

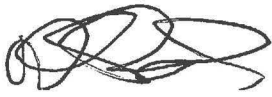
To: Surface Transportation Board (c/o Cynthia T. Brown, Chief)

We, the Glenview ACTION Committee, are comprised of a group of several hundred Village of Glenview, Illinois residents and are part of a larger group, Citizens for ACTION (Alliance to Control Train Impacts in Our Neighborhoods), which also includes residents from other communities along this rail line. Our grassroots resident campaign coalesced to study the need of a holding track and explore reasonable alternatives to it in response to a proposal submitted by WisDOT and IDOT to expand Amtrak Hiawatha service, which was conducted between 2014 and 2019. After a comprehensive study, experts in the field concluded that the holding track was not needed and that the facilitation of improved rail service and safety in the area of the proposed holding tracks could be achieved with far less cost by the installation of bi-directional signals.

We **strongly oppose**, in the strongest terms possible, the Glenview Holding Track ("construction of a new connection at A-20 to allow parallel moves to new extended connecting tracks") requested by Metra in their testimony to the STB on September 28, 2022. After five years of robust public outcry, IDOT determined that there was no regional long-term benefit to the Glenview Holding Track. Our group also noted the significant local environmental, health and safety impacts to our community (including Glenbrook NorthShore Hospital, Glenbrook South High School, several elementary schools and residential neighborhoods along this corridor) were much too large for any nominal short-term gains.

The proposed rail merger should not be the vehicle through which to mandate the construction of this highly objectionable Holding Track in Glenview, which has been strongly opposed not only by our residents but also by our Governor as well as our State and Federal Legislators.

Glenview ACTION Leadership,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused to be served a copy of the foregoing comment submitted to the STB on October 21, 2022 upon all parties of record in this proceeding.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chuck Balling", written over a horizontal line.

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