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STB Finance Docket No. 35087
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001

8/25/08

To the Section of Environmental Analysis and to the Surface Transportation Board:

I strongly urge you to not approve Canadian National's proposal to make the EJ&E line a "rail superhighway." This action only relocates environmental threats to communities that have little or no infrastructure to safely co-exist with 20-plus trains per day. We have no under-or overpasses to make critical medical care available to the Barrington area communities.

As the Emergency Department Clinical Manager at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, I am very concerned at how little your environmental impact statement analyzed access to our emergency medical facility, these communities' closest source for critical care, trauma, emergency services and the best comprehensive cardiac care in the area.

I grew up in Berwyn Illinois where the town is bisected by this same type of train. There are so many trains that cause so many delays, to try to cross town can take you up to 30 minutes due to simply waiting for the trains to pass. Ambulances do have (one) opportunity to travel to the edge of town to find the underpass or they are forced to travel to another town west (Riverside) to see if the train has possibly finished crossing there. Not only is this a very big inconvenience to anyone who lives in the town, ultimately, it delays emergency care for all of the patrons to MacNeal Hospital.

I urge the board not to approve the proposed action in its current form, without consideration for substantive mitigation and infrastructure, and just as importantly, who and how it will be funded and how soon it can be constructed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn Moeller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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