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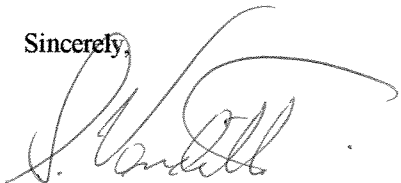
Ms. Johnson- Ball:

As a local Barrington , Illinois resident, I am opposed to the CN Railways proposed increase in freight traffic through our community. The congestion at the crossings at Cuba Rd., Main St. , Rt.14 (East and West) and Rt.59 (North and South) in Barrington are already at intolerable levels when we have freight trains crossing. A single train can take 15 minutes or more (if there is a breakdown, much more) to cross these intersections. In addition, *there are no alternative routes for East to West traffic for commuters, school buses or police and emergency vehicles i.e ambulances, fire engines etc.*

These are heavily used roads which also include the *East - West Ambulance Route to The Good Sheppard Hospital*. The proposed increases would not only block all access for those of us trying to travel East- West for our jobs, commerce etc., but would in addition create a *grave danger* to the Barrington residents as well as surrounding communities for the reasons cited above.

I am against this proposal for reasons safety, environmental impact and our quality of life. However, if this traffic increase is approved, please for our sake and our safety, require CN to construct trestles prior to any such increase.

Sincerely,



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