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Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Surface Transportation Board Members,

This letter to expose to you a David and Goliath story - Chicago and Canadian National Railway ("CN") are the Goliaths. Both the city and its politicians are in support of the sale of the railway, and CN is going to sell them the property for future lakefront development, in addition to reducing the rail traffic in Chicago. Their "good deed" is to remove/reduce rail traffic out of communities which have had the rail system in place for decades, and bought into those areas knowingly. CN and Chicago's plan is to shift the traffic of the rails to communities in the suburbs. These communities were purchased into by individuals that paid a premium to live in the suburbs. I am one of those individuals, and together with other towns affected by this proposal, we are collectively the Davids in this story.

I own a home in the Lake Barrington community, and I have been a resident in the area for over six years. My home is situated approximately 3 miles from the EJ&E train tracks which intersect Route 12 in Lake Zurich, Illinois. I purchased my home along with my husband knowing that the trains passed and interrupted traffic to a certain degree (approximately 5 times per day). We currently hear the train blowing its horn in the middle of the night at a distance, and have daily commutes interrupted at Cuba Rd., Route 14 and Route 59 in Barrington. I purchased a home in the suburbs, and my expectation was and is that the train would not be more disruptive than it currently is. It is predicted that trains would pass not five times per day, but approximately 20 times per day, quadrupling the amount of rail traffic. It is unbelievably inconsiderate to propose to have trains through our community almost every hour. If we wished to have high train traffic and a more congested style of living, we would have purchased in the City of Chicago, not in the suburbs.

I have three children, and I am deeply concerned with the safety of my children given CN's proposal. Our community is against this for human safety reasons, traffic congestion, emergency vehicle delays, environmental issues, noise pollution, property valuation, etc. We **need** your help to stop CN and the City of Chicago. We don't want anymore train traffic in our town. Please represent us and do not permit CN to run additional train traffic through our town. Vote against the rerouting of trains into the suburbs.

Respectfully submitted,



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