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Message:

This proposal will negatively affect our community. Highway 59 is the main North/South route we have to go to Naperville, where my husband and I work. We already try to avoid going through Barrington now due to the existing congestion without the additional trains in the proposed merger. Additionally, we avoid shopping, dining or parking in the town for that same reason - and it will only get worse. Alternate routes off of Highway 14 will be impacted by the train traffic as well, so there is no option but to go around to Lake Zurich to avoid this congestion - but that is driving 15 miles out of the way plus adds time to the already long commute. Other cars will also be doing the same thing, so congestion on 53 will increase as cars try to keep moving. Except for Highway 53, all options, including Highway 59, are 2 lane roads - so the backup and delays will have a spiderweb effect on traffic in the whole community since the trains intersect all possible routes. I am concerned not only for my inconvenience, but for the additional tax dollars that are expected to be needed to fund the upkeep and repair of the tracks - I don't want that tax burden without any benefit. Lastly, I understand the environmental impact study has not been completed, yet CN is pushing to close the deal? They clearly are out for capital gain with no regard to the negative impact on the communities it will affect. It is one thing to have a few additional trains a day, but the increase is not tolerable. Ask this question to yourself: If this was in my town, would I agree to it? The answer is ABSOLUTELY NOT. I urge you to VOTE NO.