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Message: This is a letter stating opposition to Canadian National's bid to increase freight traffic in Barrington Illinois.

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January 31, 2008

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

We strongly oppose even the suggestion of a plan to increase traffic on the EJ & E Rail Road to the extent requested by Canadian National.

In addition to obvious safety implications of an increase such as this to the safety and welfare of our community, this level of traffic will increase congestion to the point where home values will be negatively impacted.

The number of crossings on this line throughout the city of Barrington and the length of the proposed trains will bring traffic to a standstill each and every time a train passes through. This will impact the ability of safety vehicles to reach emergencies and significantly increase the risk of pedestrian train accidents due to the many crossings in the Barrington Village. Further, this level of traffic will cause turmoil in the already stressed Barrington CUSD 220 bus system. We can not afford for our children to be put at more risk, to spend more time on busses and to rise at unreasonable morning hours to fit the bus schedule. This increase in traffic will destroy the safe, community atmosphere in Barrington, drive away families, and thereby alienate new developers. This one decision has the ability to ruin our Village and greatly reduce our home values.

Further, as commuters to Chicago, we are highly concerned that this increase in freight traffic will have significant impact on the Metra line and the thousands of commuters coming to and from the Barrington train station.

In a situation such as this, all alternatives must be considered. These tracks can be re-routed around Barrington or even the City of Chicago or put under ground so the streets are not blocked.

It is totally unacceptable for our representation to approve a proposal which poses such a great threat to life in Barrington as we know it. To risk the very Village we all work to preserve would be difficult to defend even if there were some benefit to the community.

Please support us with a denial of the proposal by Canadian National.

Sincerely,

Linda Reinhard
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