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Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

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I have been a resident of New Lenox, IL for over 5 years and am very concerned about the decision that might be made to allow the Canadian National Railroad purchase, increase and abuse the usage of the railroad track which is approximately ¼ mile from my home.

Please consider the impact on many communities in the southern Chicago area which is very one sided. I am sure someone will reap the benefits of this acquisition but I have not heard of any for my community.

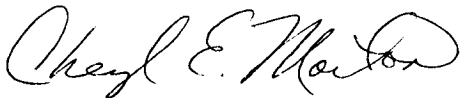
The impact includes:

1. Safety hazards – very limited increased security for the railroad crossings, emergency services will have increased response time if they have to cross the railroad tracks either direction, school children and buses will be impacted by the dramatic increase in trains. Increased noise and hazardous waste dangers are part of this.
2. Community responsibility – the railroad has not provided an adequate amount of money to alleviate some of the problems and increased safety issues that their increase railroad traffic will directly cause. Why should our communities have to do what the Canadian Railroad won't with increased taxes.
3. Decrease in community appeal to current residents, new potential residents and all businesses. I am sure the property values won't be positively impacted by this proposed change.

The odds of having a more substantial wait to go to work, which I have to cross the railroad tracks to get to, are so huge that none of us can anticipate the negative fallout from this related to traffic flow problems no one planned for.

Please, consider carefully your decision on behalf of myself, my community and all the other communities.

Thank you for your professional consideration of these issues.



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