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To: STP Members

From: A Barrington, IL resident

SAFETY FIRST!

By allowing Canadian National Railway (a neighboring country's business) to acquire the E, J and E. rail line, increase train traffic, and cause significantly longer delay times at Barrington crossings, you are endangering many lives and disrupting a long standing peaceful way of life.

Our Police Department, Fire Department, various schools and local hospital are on opposite sides of all our crossings and increasing delays in motor transportation to meet emergency needs for these entities can bring about unwanted tragedies.

Constructing underpasses and/or overpasses would take some time – and much more money than the CN Company has been willing to even consider. Why should local American taxpayers foot the bill for a Canadian firm? With so many economical problems facing our country, why should we ignore our residents' safety and be taxed to aid our northern neighbors? They, at least, should be willing to pay fully so that our safety and life style will not be altered as they hope to advance to higher profits.

Most Barrington residents chose this area because of its long- standing 'small town quiet way of life', surrounded by designated natural areas. All this would change for the benefit of CN – no wonder there is opposition from so many here as evidenced at the meetings on January 9th and August 27th this year in Barrington.

Other environmental considerations – noise, disruption of the peaceful natural surroundings should also be discussed as well as the additional danger of transporting hazardous materials on the lengthier trains. So many things to talk about regarding the impact of this proposed acquisition.

As a Barrington resident, my concerns are all of the above – but mostly,

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