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Beverly Kramer. 203 W Lincoln, Barrington 60010. I am a lifelong resident of Barrington. The family has been here over 100 years. I grew up with trains. However, I am very concerned about the public safety issue. My mother suffered a cardiac arrest and paramedics in Barrington brought her back to life. Had we had approximately 20 freights plus the ones run by the Union Pacific of over a mile long running through Barrington, it is very likely that she would have died. The same is true of my father and now of other elderly relatives living in the town. The difference of one or two minutes is the difference between life and death. We also had a business in the store in the town which burned to the ground. If the paramedics and the fire department had been blocked by the railroad trains, it is possible that the whole block, not to mention the whole town, would have gone. Neighboring fire departments such as Lake Zurich and Wauconda also would have been stopped from crossing the tracks promptly. I attended Barrington High School and probably would have never made it to my first class if there had been 20-something freight trains crossing the EJ&E tracks. The only good thing about this is that IDOT will not have to make any traffic surveys anymore in Barrington if this project goes through because the traffic will not be flowing in Barrington. It will be perpetually gridlock. The town will die. I also noticed that there are crossings at Factory Rd, our shortest route to Sherman Hospital which has an excellent cardiac care facility; one of the best in the state. I also noticed it crosses at Ela Rd near the Target store which would perpetually gridlock Lake Cook and Ela. We would have one massive traffic jam at all times. People would be dying, buildings would be burning and there would be no help available. Please stop this acquisition. It is not only Barrington, it is every single town running along the EJ&E tracks.

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