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Dear Surface Transportation Board-

I have been a member of the Barrington Community for the past 15 years and have a family of five. We travel through Barrington in all directions MANY times a day. I am very concerned and would like to note my great disapproval of the railway purchase.

Some of my main concerns include:

*Emergency vehicles ability to get through an already congested town let alone getting around a long freight train.

*Kids trying to beat the train to make it to school and various activities that take them through town many times during both the day and night.

*The possibility of any derailment of toxic or flammable materials

*Property values dropping due to train noise and congestion

*My business will hinder clients from coming and going due to delayed traffic woes

This is a condensed letter with plenty of worry from me as a business owner, and my family as to the future of this community.

COUNT US AS OPPONENTS TO THE RAIL PLAN!!!!

Thank you for listening to our comments.

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