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To whom it may concern:

Thank you in advance for hearing my opinion on Docket # 35087. I agree that rail may be the way of the future but things really need to be thought out fully.

To go from Canada to Memphis is a long distance which by clearly staying clear of major cities and their suburbs to me is the true answer. Moving train traffic from Chicago to suburban only moves the problem to growing suburbs. The solution doesn't have to be completed in one year or two. An alternative route through the country would first abate congestion in Chicago and not transfer it to suburban.

The idea of CN to only pay for even 10% of the overpasses and underpasses and load the taxpayer with the burden of paying for improvements in the midst of our economy.

Right now trains sit outside my house because two tracks turn into one and they wait for clearance to proceed to Joliet. This is not a rail yard, this is residential and property values have decreased.

Have CN propose a new route that stays in the country, away from major city and major suburban areas that population and traffic is increasing ten fold. Little disruption and less burden on the local taxpayer should be considered.

Thank you for hearing my (and all suburban) opinion. Don't rush your decision. The future of all ~~one~~ of us depends on your important decision.

Thanks RON OPALINSKI

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