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My name is Mary Jo Schauer.

I have lived in the northwest suburbs most of my life. My parents moved to Barrington when I was 1.

Currently, my husband and I live less than ½ mile from the EJ & E tracks that cross Lake Zurich Road. In the 18 years that we have lived there raising our three kids, we have had to call the Barrington Fire Department to our home three times. No serious problems, thank goodness. In each case the fire department was at our home in less than 4 minutes. That quick response time will be greatly reduced if the railroad traffic is increased the 400% projected by CN's acquisition of the EJ & E line. Are our lives worth it? I implore the STB to consider the safety and the lives of all in these communities to be more important than the financial gain of a foreign company.

To the elected officials that are here and the representatives of those who are not: These are the lives of the people who voted for you. Please do what you can to protect them. I pray that common sense and good judgment prevail in this matter.

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