

Surface Transportation Board
395E. Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Attn: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing
STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

As returnees to Barrington, we raised our children here moving to the city for 20 years;

we have recently returned to live nearer our children and grandchildren. Through the 60s', 70s', and 80s' we were accustomed to the regular schedule of passenger trains and of course the EJ & E trains that bisect Barrington and the near vicinity. The trains caused us some inconveniences that we accepted as necessary to transporting people (Metra) or freight (EJ&E). We are greatly concerned that our lives in Barrington could take a drastic change by the allowance of much increased usage on the EJ&E tracks which we believe crosses six (6) different intersections in the village proper and nearby. This would negatively impact our daily lives for such things as emergency hospital medical care, getting to and from schools, grocery shopping and all other necessary errands which need to be accomplished during the hours our children are in school or after school in the afternoon until dinner time. Our property values would certainly diminish not to mention our local businesses. Safety is of primary concern due to the increased occurrence of many more trains passing through on a daily basis than is now the case, and the noise which now is often loud train whistles heard before rising in the morning. The increasing of four or five EJ&E trains daily to the proposed twenty or more trains per day through Barrington is not what the residents of Barrington deem in any way lawful or right. For the average Barrington family to even begin to accept this proposed heavy train concept overpass rail tracks would need to be constructed in order to address the traffic congestion these trains would cause as the tracks now traverse through Barrington. This would lessen the occurrence of emergency tie ups getting to our hospitals, and school related incidence. The overpasses would mean substantial cost we are sure however the quality of our lives which are much more dear than dollars and cents would remain healthy and our property values would not greatly decrease as would certainly be the case if Barrington became the village crossroads of The EJ&E Railroad.

Sincerely,

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