



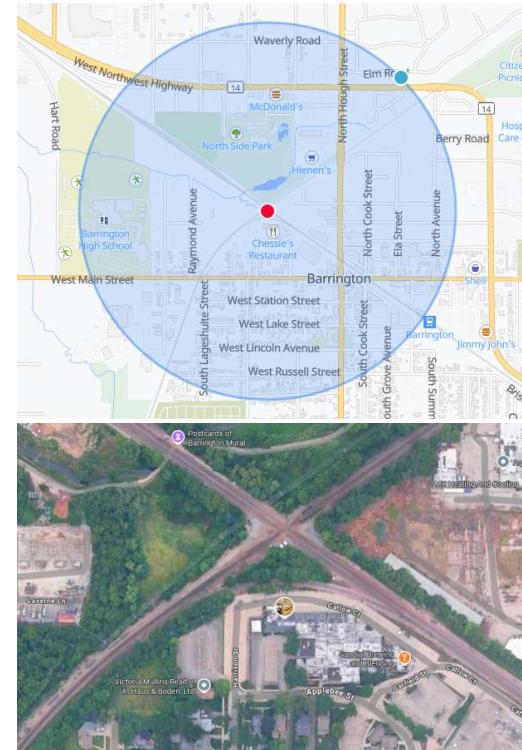
Dear Neighbor,

Join our efforts to protect our community! The goal of this letter is to reach local residents impacted by Canadian National Railway (CN) operations.

Where tracks of CN cross railroad tracks of Metra's Union Pacific Northwest Line **is the epicenter of the noise and vibration**. This crossing of two railroads creates **unbearable noise and vibration** when heavy freight trains travel at a high speed. This vibration is transmitted through the ground to surrounding homes and businesses causing buildings, beds, and china in kitchen cabinets to shake.

This vibration destroys building foundations, porches, and walls. It is intolerable to live under such conditions, and the suffering causes residents to sell and to abandon the community. This noise and vibration has taken a toll on our health, our homes, and our lives.

These vibrations do not stop at the tracks; they travel outward, shaking the ground beneath nearby homes and buildings. Residents have reported their homes trembling, beds shaking, and glassware rattling in cabinets—some **comparing it to the sensation of an earthquake**.



The weight of these trains compounds the issue. Each loaded freight car weighs approximately 286,000 pounds (143 tons), and with an average of 177 cars, the total freight weight may come to over 50.6 million pounds, or 25,311 tons. To move a train of this size, CN typically uses three to four locomotives, each weighing around 415,000 pounds. With four locomotives, the combined weight of the train reaches approximately **52.3 million pounds, or 26,141 tons**.

This enormous mass of steel moves through a residential community—**often during nighttime hours—releasing powerful shockwaves into the ground with every wheel rotation**. These vibrations are not benign. They contribute to structural degradation: damaging foundations, cracking walls, shaking porches loose, and disrupting residents' ability to sleep and live peacefully in their homes.

This group aims to **protect our neighborhood, demand accountability, and push for regulatory or legal intervention**. [Join us!](#) We stand united to protect the health, safety, and stability of our homes and community.