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Mr. David Woodruff  
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601 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W  
Washington, DC 20004

**Subject: Wisconsin Central Permit Application  
Army Corps of Engineers  
Application Number LRC-2018-00651**

Dear Mr. Woodruff:

As you know, the Army Corps of Engineers extended the comment period for the above application until April 15, 2019. Village staff will be submitting technical comments on the proposal and we understand a number of residents are doing the same.

Our general concerns were listed in my letter of March 6, 2019 to Mr. Soren Hall of the Army Corps of Engineers. Following that letter, CN staff did meet with the Village and later provided the permit information and plans for review. Detailed technical comments are being prepared and will be submitted to the Army Corps. I had requested that the Army Corps hold a meeting for CN representatives to present its proposal to the public and to hear questions and concerns. While there has not been official notice yet from the Army Corps about this request, I feel it is essential for you to meet with the public as the proposal for a second mainline track creates significant concerns and impacts to the adjacent homes.

In advance of our formal submittal of detailed comments, I would like to know what analyses CN has done, or plans to do, to assess the impacts of the proposal on the adjacent homeowners and properties. If the proposal advances to construction, what steps will the railroad take to mitigate the negative effects of increased train volumes on a second mainline track closer to homes than the existing single track? What are the noise and vibration effects from the increased train operations and how are these to be mitigated? While perhaps not under the purview of the Army Corps' analyses, these and other questions must be assessed.

I encourage the railroad to allow adequate time for public review and input so that a full understanding of the proposal and its effects can be achieved. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

William D. McLeod  
Village President