Letters: Seniors need quiet zone

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After an extremely hot summer, it is so nice to open our windows and let the fresh air in. But the residents of Joshua Arms, Salem Village and Sunny Hill nursing homes and other residents in the area cannot enjoy this.

Why? Because the Canadian National Railway engineers blast the horns so loud, day and night, you can't talk on the phone or sleep. You have seniors startled by the horns. They are loud and might cause a heart attack.

The East Side of Joliet has the same rights as surrounding areas. Where is our "quiet zone?" We've been promised it would be looked into. That was five or six months ago.

Our ambulances come from Laraway Road, south of us. There are times the ambulance cannot get through the crossings to get to us. Is the city of Joliet and railroad waiting for one of us to die before we get help? The trains are too long, and they tie up these crossings for at least 15-20 minutes.

Can't you help us seniors? What if your mother or father was in one of these buildings? You'd get something done then.

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