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Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company STB Finance Docket No. 35087

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Transcript:

I oppose the acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad from Canadian National. For my reasons, number one, is there's high schools and grade schools involved in the crossings where there's gonna be the trains going through, which would possibly make the kids late for school two or three times a week, which is very important that they could get to their school, their high schools and their grade schools. There's hospitals that are gonna be involved in it. Traffic congestion, pollution, hazardous materials whatever they're shipping back and forth and to where and everything, and it seems that the Canadian National people they don't care about anybody else except for themselves to make money and don't worry if you're old or young or what, they just want to make the money themselves. They do not care what's going on. I lived in Chicago Ridge where we had trouble with crossings, their trains would block for three main intersections and they would stop there and the cars that would be waiting, including myself, I got involved in it several times, you wait and wait and wait for the train to move and start going and then you turn around and have to go 3, 4 miles out of the way, in the meantime some of the cars, they'll turn around they'll start going down side streets, speeding down the side streets to another main street where a train might not be there yet, endangering lives of kids playing and everything. Also there's times when the gates are going down and a car will try to beat it, or they'll go around the gates. Uh, let's see, I'm trying to think of what else, um like I said, I've had a lot of experience with these kinds of trains in Chicago Ridge and they just constantly would block it and it was to the point where they says, 'Oh we're gonna do it a little bit, little bit' and little by little oce they go their foot in the door, the trains got longer, they lasted longer, they stopped for longer periods of times, and um, so that is my reasons that I'm opposing this acquisition. I think they're very good reasons. Especially with the schools that are involved and the hospitals that could be involved for someone that's been hurt, or sick, or whatever. And one other thing, we are in a very congested area right now, we've been waiting for Route 30 to be expanded to four lanes for five years and the IDOT keeps saying there's no money to do it and the police and fire department pleaded with them, said that if there ever was a school bus accident or something, they don't even have no shoulders to drive on to get to the site. So again, I think that this situation should be thought over very carefully and don't worry about putting the money in their pocket, worry about everybody else in this country and give us all a fair break. Don't just worry about the big shots and all the CEOs and filling their pockets with money and they don't have to worry about being in the traffic congestion and so on and so forth. Thank you very much. Bye bye