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**Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed
Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the
Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company
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Transcript:

I do have some items that I would like to leave regarding the purchase of the EJ&E by Canadian National. Plainfield's a growing suburb, we can not get a hospital approved for our city after three times when the population has skyrocketed over the last 5 years and now we are being hit with the possibility of having an increase in train traffic from 16 to 42 trains a day. I probably wouldn't mind, but the only way to get back to civilization from our neighborhood is to cross this railroad crossing anywhere as it runs along Route 30 out here so you have to cross it to get to Route 59 or to ultimately get to Interstate 55, which is basically where everybody out here has to go in order to get to their jobs, or get their kids to school, or go to the store or get gas, do anything you have to cross these railroad tracks. I do not mind hearing the trains in the evening, but when you're trying to conduct business during the day, this is just going to be ridiculous because the problem is that they're taking, you're going to take someone else's problem and make it our problem. So, if someone moved into a neighborhood in the city or an outlying suburb of Chicago and knew that there were 50 trains a day at a railroad crossing, then that's something that they decided that they could deal with when they purchased their property or chose to work in that area. So now what you're doing is you're taking those of us that decided to move way out to the suburbs to avoid some of the things that happen in the city and all you're doing is, or all they're going to do is bring that problem to us. I used to live in the city for 15 years and I don't want to deal with it. I think it's ridiculous. I think it is just another example of some of the stupid things that are going on in our economy right now where somebody screws up or somebody has a problem, everybody else has to pay the price for that and it's ridiculous, people need to own up to what they're responsibilities are, they need to understand that once they make a decision, that they have to live with it, so somebody chose to live live near these railroad crossings with 50 trains a day, that's not my problem and for it to be shifted into my community and possibly risk the safety of tens of thousands of people that are out here and lots of those people are children, we can not get to a hospital, a doctor's office, as I said, a gas station, a grocery store, we can't get anywhere without crossing these railroad tracks, so if they're going to add 42 trains a day or make it a total of 42 trains a day, you're going to have a whole lot of mad people because I don't think people are paying too much attention to this now, which is their fault, but they need to pay attention because as soon as this happens, if it happens, then it's gonna be, all hell's gonna break loose because they're gonna finally realize the impact, but I don't think shifting a problem from someone else's community is the answer. It's like packing up all the gang members in the city and moving them out here to my neighborhood. Sure, the people in the city are gonna be thrilled about it, but all you're doing is pissing people off someplace else and shifting responsibility, which apparently has become the American way of life. If someone can't fix it, then just stick it someplace else where there's less people and hopefully no one will complain, so I hope this doesn't go through and I hope Canadian National rots.