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Environmental Impact Statement

Comment Form

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

Date: 8/27/08

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

I stand in firm opposition to the proposed acquisition of the Barrington Freight Line by CN. I live behind a freight-line and am primarily concerned that the excessive increase in train traffic will severely decrease my property value as well as my quality of life. My home is w/out a doubt my most valued investment. ~~If~~ If negatively affected I stand to lose not only the value of my investment, but in ~~addition~~ also the well-being of my family will be gravely threatened.

More broadly, however, I have serious concerns regarding the health of the community in which I live. Clearly, dramatically increasing ~~the~~ the traffic of noisy, enormous, & dirty trains will have grave ramifications for the community, its health, & quality of life.

The question, I respectfully submit, is whether the health & safety of an established and thriving community is worth the financial gain of an international company whose members will have to sacrifice nothing in return for their gain. I hope that those persons responsible for decision to approve this purchase consider and imagine the terrible cost people of this community will be forced to pay if the side w/ corporate interests. Moreover, while I am sure CN has asserted in general terms economic advantages other Americans stand to gain by the proposed purchase, ~~this economic speculation~~ consider the economic detriment to broader Chicagoland area ~~and~~ and local interconnected communities if entire communities are rendered valueless. ~~Economic speculation is an unproven and dangerous argument based on the~~

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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Joliet ~~on a grand scale~~

The advantages of small & virtually unnoticeable economic gains ~~on a grand scale~~ that at this point is only speculation, w/its in its persuasive force when set against the backdrop of the complete destruction of individuals lives.