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Yes, my name is Thomas H. Bray. I live at 18025 Boss Drive, Orland Park IL 60467. I'm calling in connection with the proposed purchase of the EJ&E by the Canadian National and I'm calling in support of the purchase. I think that Frankfort and some of the communities along the line have some legitimate reasons for questioning the purchase but in the overall long run, it's best for this area to have less congestion in the Chicago area by running the trains on the outer belt railroad. I think that's the best proposal to come along to alleviate the congestion in Chicago for some time. Going back in history if you go back in the 50s and 60s, there were as many if not more trains going through that area than there is proposed. So, I don't quite understand the reasoning behind the fact that there will be more trains running. There were more than that back in the 50s and 60s. The only reason that there is more concern now is that there are more neighborhoods that have grown up along side the railroad and tracks. Developers have built homes along that area and the people have bought those homes knew the railroad was there from the beginning. So, one of the several things that has caused the concerns for the citizens of this area but overall I think that it is best for the move to go on. You can't stop progress and this is just another step in that direction. I think that the Canadian National will be more than willing to sit down and negotiate with these communities to alleviate their concerns by possibly putting up some fencing along the road, along the line or by possibly doing something in the Frankfort to create some overpass connections so they won't be concerned about safety. But thank you for taking my comment.

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