



Environmental Impact Statement



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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:

This is in reference to the, I guess the, curriculum for 35087, I think it's called, this has in reference to the CN trans, Railroad coming through the suburban towns. I did leave a message earlier, but to clarify further, I'm so, I'm within 200 feet of the railroad tracks. Not only does it make the noise pollution and whatever other effects that it has on the environment, Lake Zurich is very limited road access. The railroad cuts straight through a frequent intersections. Besides the emergency and medical services, or whatever else you might need, which would require our services to go all the way around town to get to us, to bypass those, which obviously is, to bypass the railroad, which is a delay not only in safety and services and possible, you know someone needs something, they're dead because that train had to go through. And the economic situation because the train that passes my residence, and I've been a 22 year resident, is up, elevated and they come through at all hours of the day. The costs that they're not willing to absorb to put it underground or underpasses is unacceptable. They've been in place, those tracks, that system has been in place many, many years, the existing suburbs loved to see this moved to our location and this has nothing to do with our backyard. Those people were there many years ago, they knew what they had when they purchased, they're trying to transfer that out here and not only lower the property taxes and environmental impact is going to be so much greater, but they also had the opportunity at the time when they purchased, as anyone, to know what that situation was when they bought it. I'm sure they have services or options involved where emergency services can be moved, we don't have that option here and first it's the situation with CN not willing to pick up most of those costs to reduce the impact on us and also, economically, also obviously reducing the property costs which anyone is involved, but again, this is a new situation. This is not something we purchased, this isn't someone who walked in and said 'Okay, I know I live in Mundelein or Des Plaines and I accept this', that is not the case. Again, don't confuse that with my backyard. They're trying to transfer, a foreign company is trying to transfer those impacts on us, cost us not only property values, but quality of life and cost because they don't want to bear the big burden of actually reducing the impact on these communities. Lake Zurich does not have the options that some towns have, Lake County in essence doesn't have the options that most people have. We don't have a lot of roads. That would be like a knife cutting right through town and those trains come all hours and they're very long, they're very noisy. So this is not something that, you know, in the distance, this is a real situation. So in essence I wanted to confer that to you. This is something that basically and besides the STAR Line, which in the suburbs is gonna be a major factor, people are moving out here, tiff district, developments, and so on. Basically, they're not concerned with us, they're only concerned with their end, they're concerned with their money, it all comes down to profit. But we're not gonna pay and I can guarantee you these citizens are not gonna pay for that, especially for a foreign company