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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:

This is a reference to STB Finance Docket No. 35087. I would like to express my strong opposition to the Canadian National purchase of the EJE railroad and ask that you reject the deal. I am greatly concerned about safety issues. My husband was transported by ambulance at 2 am this past Friday to Good Shepard Hospital and time was of the essence. Another hospital was not an option. We had to cross the very same railroad tracks the CN will be using. I dread the thought of what would have happened to the long freight trains along the tracks. My husband remains in Intensive Care and thanks to the rapid response and delivery to the hospital he is doing better. We are also concerned about the safety of the school busses that have to cross these tracks. In addition we hope you will consider the economic and environmental impact this purchase will have on all of the communities along the line. At the very minimum should you unfortunately approve this deal we hope you will mandate that CN will pick up the cost of mitigating the major crossings. I sincerely hope that STB chairman Nottinghams statement before the house transportation and infrastructure committee that the STB has the option to reject transactions of this type if the negative community impact outweighs transportation benefits is more than just words. I strongly believe that there are negative safety economic and environmental impacts from this deal and that any benefits do not offset these negative impacts. This deal is in that negative. I urge you to reject this proposal. Thank You Jane Kannell-O'Neill.