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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:

I would like to post this comment regarding the proposed Canadian National purchase of the EJ&E rail lines which run throughout the Chicago area. I believe the STB's approval of this purchase would severely damage a number of towns along the rail lines. As a taxpayer in Barrington, I believe this purchase would adversely affect an already unbearable traffic problem throughout Lake and Cook counties in the greater Barrington area. Our town is split in half by the EJ&E line and the trains would literally inhibit all traffic from moving until they pass through. These rail lines run dangerously close to a number of our local schools—putting our children in peril if any type of rail accident were to occur. Our school bus schedules would be severely impacted, as they would have to wait for trains to cross the lines to get our children to their respective schools. The public safety of our area would also be impacted. God help the person who needs an ambulance, fire, or police protection that would have to wait for a CN train to cross the track to receive any assistance. Our town was founded on its location near the railroad. We all know that they are an integral part of our local economy. However, we will require serious mitigation of these at grade crossings to be able to create an environment where our town and the railroads are to co-exist. Let's not let the greed of the Canadian National Railroad dictate how we as Americans live our daily lives. Thank you.