



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 STB Finance Docket No. 35087

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I'm calling because I very much oppose the acquisition of the freight line in my town by the Canadian railroad. I know that the study said that's there's not gonna be much of an impact, but I don't know if you guys realize that a new highway has just reached New Lenox and that the population of New Lenox in the next 20 years, once this housing crisis is over, is going to sky rocket and that railroad cuts through the middle of town. For me personally, that railroad is gonna, I don't know how I'm gonna get my kid to school when he's old enough to go in 5 years, if the freight trains go from 6, which I barely notice to what 28 a day. In addition, it's going to cut me off from the local grocery store and I know that the SBC is supposed to encourage commerce so, I don't think cutting off access to the local grocery store is a good this. I just can't believe that anybody would support building a railroad, or increasing railroad traffic through the middle of a town and not even support at-grade crossings, and then if they do push it through, saying that the citizens have to pay for it, it's ridiculous, nobody would want that in their own town and I seriously think that you all have to think about that when you're looking at your own town. Imagine if one of the main thoroughfares was cut off from you, essentially because there's gonna be constant freight train traffic. So, really think about that when you're thinking about the environmental impact, there are a lot of people that are in this area, this area is only gonna grow once the housing crisis is over and this railroad is really going to severely impact the citizens of New Lenox as well as the surrounding communities. Thank you very much