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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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This is in reference to the STB Finance Docket 35087 recorded oral comment about against the CN Canadian National purchase. I would just like the STB to further look into the traffic volume on Cuba Road that will be affected by the increased volume of trains. Many many cars travel Cuba Road in the east/west commute and it would be affected. Also along the Cuba Road is the Cuba Marsh and the tracks do go by the Cuba Marsh. That is a large part of the Fox River Water Way and if a haz mat spill were to occur, that would endanger not only the local wells of the homeowners that live along the EJ&E tracks, it would also endanger the whole entire Cuba Marsh and the attached Fox River Water Way. Also there are school buses that frequently travel across the train tracks and I would like to take that into consideration and lastly, I would like you to consider the quiet zone that we currently have established that should remain, because if the volume of trains if you do pass this legislation and the Canadian National is allowed to purchase the EJ&E and the volume of trains increases the volume of noise level will certainly increase and the trains are already loud and they will be even louder the longer and the bigger engines that they have. So please look at the environmental impact of the stalled traffic on Cuba Road, the environmental impact on Cuba Marsh if there is a haz mat spill or even in the increase of idling of trains along the Cuba Marsh where they plan on stopping them occasionally, and the increased pollution caused by the idling cars along the Cuba Road during a wait freight train. Furthermore, in Barrington the town is already stymied by the train traffic, I don't like to go there as it is to do anything because of the current train traffic. And people go through Barrington again in that east/west on Route 14 and that east/west commute. So, I would encourage you to further look at the traffic patterns that surrounds the EJ&E tracks and take that into consideration, the haz mat problem if there were to be a spill spilling into the local wells of most of the homes along this area and the Cuba Marsh and the safety of the school buses crossing those tracks and the noise pollution caused by increased trains. Thank you.

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