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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 am commenting on STB Finance Docket number 35087. I live in the area which, which is, the trains will be going through. It is my understanding, that according to current law those trains may be kept idling for hours, blocking up intersections and causing pollution. I understand that part of this is because it takes a while to once the train is shut down to get it going again, however I can not say that is acceptable that in the second largest city in Illinois that our intersections should be potentially tied up where there is no recourse at all legally to make these trains move. What if an emergency, such as a fire engine and ambulance needs to get through? How are they to detour and how much time is to be lost and at who's expense? The citizens. All for the convenience of less impact in another geographical area? This is not fair to the local residents at all. I can see where you need more business, I can see where the economy can be helped, but I can't see it done at the expense of one group of citizens for another, let alone our health and welfare. One comment that a friend of mine made, was 'What about going and building overpasses?'. Well, who's going to pay for these? We are talking about a foreign country, although a friend of ours, nevertheless not the United States getting the benefit of the help at who's expense, who is going to pay for these overpasses? We are and we are already bombarded with many, many other things, let alone with the economy the way it is, with the bailouts in Congress, etc. It's not fair to charge us. If they want this, then let them build these overpasses and let them do so before the trains come through, not tying it up years, potentially tying it up before they even start construction on these overpasses. Like I say, this is all seems to be unfair to one group, mainly us citizens and it should be our welfare that should be looked out for, not the convenience of the company. Let them address these things first and then we will gladly cooperate. In the meantime, I am adamantly against this.