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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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847-540-8310. I'd like to state that I don't live more than 200 feet from the EJ&E tracks. It's always been a noise nuisance, but EJ&E's equipment does not run on that track, as far as I know, it's pretty much CN. The problem with that is two. One is, it's a noise pollution problem, you would not believe the tracks are raised in the air on a berm. Secondly, the trains are very long, the access to any main roads is restricted because the way the tracks run through the town. In an emergency, any services would have to be rerouted all the way around, at least five to six times the time it would take if that train was not running, they would have to go completely around town. It's degrading, as far as the environment. It's a property value reducer. There's just no way that I can see them financially providing the environmental protection that we require, well that any normal person would require, not your backyard type person, just this is in your face. Lake Zurich is critical as far as their access. This train runs through so many different crossings that it would be impossible for any service to quality, to provide you quality service for emergency services, or anything as far as having to go anywhere, they don't have any options, as far as Lake Zurich goes. It's basically just a roadblock and a noisy one and it runs all hours of the day and night. I can not see where this is even feasible, let alone the STAR Line that they're talking about, which would impact that. Everything has to do with not only quality of life and emergency services, but when it comes down to the economic side of this, there's absolutely no way the town is going to pick up that kind of money to provide underground or underpasses, type of thing, it's just not feasible, especially in Lake Zurich. There's my comments. <repeated name and phone number> I have experience with this environment, I've been here for 22 years. Again, these tracks are more than 200 feet from the home, but what they're proposing, would be totally unacceptable, you might as well live in downtown Chicago next to the EL tracks. <repeated address> Thank you very much. Hopefully you'll give this very careful consideration.