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**Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed
Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the
Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company
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My comment's referring to CNN's purchase of EJ&J. I think that making the taxpayers of the state and of the local villages responsible for all mitigation to reduce the environmental impact is ridiculous. CN makes enough money that they can afford to either one, prepare these mitigations, or look for other alternative routes to build tracks, so that it doesn't impact these communities. I'm also really concerned about the environmental impact, I think it's not fully being looked at, I think they need a complete full environmental study done over several years, I think that short term studies on traffic, short term studies on congestion, noise pollution, carbon monoxide releases by idling cars, and safety issues resulting from blocked transportation routes for emergency vehicles hasn't really been fully looked at and I think that this is just kind of being pushed through. I think the Surface Transportation Board needs to take a step back and look at this more seriously in terms of the full impact it's going to make. I also really disagree with the idea that CNN will reduce, permanently, the traffic on the other rails through Chicago, that are going to be freed up as a result of this purchase, I think long term-wise that any organization or business will do if they own it, they're going to use it, which means that not only will you see congestion in the surrounding suburbs of Chicago, but you'll see congestion again on those internal lines that are currently being used. That's my comment on this.