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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'm calling because I stand in opposition to the proposed acquisition of the CN taking over the EJ&E Railroad. I am opposing this acquisition because of the fact that there is already significant vehicle delays at railroad crossings on our already congested roads. The safety of these crossings is a huge concern because of the children that are in this area, it is a newly developed area that I am in and there are tons of children coming and going each day from school and being dropped off from buses. Also because of emergency response times, there are several fire and police department stations that are nearby which would be delayed at the increase of all of the extra railroad, railway trains going through. Also the increase in noise, and vibrations, and pollution of the trains passing through our communities. The community that I live in, our backyard butts right up to this railroad that they would be taking over. It is bad enough the impact that we have from the EJ&E from just the five trains that might come through a day and the fact that this could be increased up to forty two trains a day is absolutely ridiculous for a residential area. We are not in a rural area and that is what you need to keep in mind, this is residential and also because of the neighboring cities and villages that our roads to community to and from work, school, and other activities, and it is bad enough that we are highly congested out here and to have extra delays because of trains passing through numerous times a day, up to, you know, several miles is absurd. So I just wanted to let you know that I totally oppose this taking over of the EJ&E rail line, railroad line.