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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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Calling in regards to the CN purchase of the railway system to the south side. My problem with this is the same problem we all have in the Village of Will County is that is in Frankfort alone you would be cutting the neighborhood in half on a stalled train that could be as much as two-three miles long. The issue we have is all the services, fire department, police, ambulance, all the services are to the north side of the track and our neighborhood is to the south side. You are putting lives at risk! The Canadian National Railroad is not putting up enough money for the infrastructure of it's own railroad tracks and it thinks it should be burdened on the shoulders of the taxpayers to make any infrastructure changes to the railroad tracks. That is unacceptable! They should burden they should shoulder all the burden of any repairs overpasses, underpasses anything that has to do with those railroad tracks should be their responsibility at their costs. In order to free up traffic with the amount of trains that are coming through there, I think they should put in overpasses and underpasses before we can even agree to let them through. The sound, the traffic, the declining value of home through Barrington and Frankfort area were going to be so alarming that you're going to have houses that are being walked away from in droves because you are going to be losing dollar values by the tens of thousands. This is an unfair idea, this is an unfair plan. If they took tracks 50 miles south where there is no traffic and nothing but farm fields and farms, they would be much better off this way. This way they can make the trains go around our neighborhoods and keep it safe. They plan to take toxic material through these areas and they have no problem with telling us that. It is an unacceptable idea and to have you guys as their constituents, that vote all you folks in to office, it is unacceptable for you guys even consider this idea when you have tens of thousands of people who are against it. It's a poor idea, it's a poor investment for the area, and it brings no gains to our area, that brings nothing but possible disaster and loss of life. I implore you guys to reconsider this idea and tell them to take their railway south of Will County and the suburb in the other areas by 50 miles so that nobody is in harms way, it doesn't slow down traffic or keep services. First time somebody passes away in the south side of those tracks because of a train that is stalled or stopped is going to be the first time you guys are all responsible for the life on your hands. It is unacceptable and you should consider that as you go to bed tonight. I know that if you folks lived on the tracks in those areas you would feel the same way as we do and I think you should be looking at it through our eyes as opposed to the CN profitability and the money they are putting up to buy this railroad, which is pennies compared to what they are going to make in profit and the lives loss and the damages that are going to be done in this neighborhood. Thank you.