



Environmental Impact Statement

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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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My statement is CN's proposed purchase of the EJ&E railway will have a devastating impact on a number of residential communities, including my own. As CN has not invested in mitigation strategy and is not prepared to bear the responsibility of long-term maintenance and mitigation critical in these critical in these residential areas, the purchase will have a profoundly negative affect on these already economically strained communities that will either languish or will be forced to sacrifice and spend taxpayer funds at the expense of much needed community improvements. The increased noise and air pollution is an unacceptable health risk to millions of residents. The increased traffic and strain to already congested arteries and the exponential increase and, therefore risk, in accidents and collisions is most alarming. The issue of public safety should be a non-starter with emergency vehicles blocked from access to those in need of service for up to 10 hours a day. With enough _____ cost and long-term consequences considered, as they should have been, the purchase would not have been considered economically viable or profitable. The STB must acknowledge that their approval accepts these risks to public safety and health and long-term economic recovery for these areas. I hope you will consider voting against this purchase. Thank you.