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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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(847) 842-8802 My comments on the CN acquisition of the EJ&E would be this: I think if that acquisition goes through without sufficient mitigation measures that it will unquestionably have a significant impact on the quality life in the Barrington community, which I am most concerned about. The traffic patterns, the school bus traffic, the hospital and ambulance services, and fire vehicles and police response. The noise, the potential chemical impact of a spill or derailment in the community, given the ground table of the area are all of huge impact. The impact that increased freight traffic will have on housing values in the Barrington community will be very significant particularly in those communities, several very attractive communities that are immediately adjacent to the rails, railroad tracks and it is I don't believe that many of these things have been sufficiently addressed in the environmental impact statement. In addition, the idea, should this acquisition go through, I believe it is only fair and appropriate that Canadian National would be responsible for potential obligation of underpass/overpass mitigation measures along that railway so that community impact is minimized and that the financial obligation not be not rest on the taxpayers of Barrington and Illinois and the United States. I would urgently request that the Service Transportation Board deny the request the CN's request to acquire the EJ&E and you know, should the decision be made to approve it, to include with that the mandatory implementation of CN funded mitigation measures on those communities that would be negatively impacted. Thank you.