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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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Transcript:

I am calling in regard to the transaction for the railroad that is pending. I really, really hope that you will consider not allowing that transaction to go through. The traffic volume already impacts just even my ability to get to work. On a frequent basis, I am stopped by trains; I can't imagine that being many times greater in the quantity of trains going by as well as delays, the possibility of emergency personnel not being able to reach their destination or transport patients in emergencies if they were held up by a train. And, I don't really see any economic benefit coming to our immediate location and trying to strap the residents of this location and all along the whole railway with the burden of trying to retrofit or upgrade the crossings and the pittance of money that they are trying to put forth "in a good faith effort" is just a joke. In addition to basic impact on our general quiet enjoyment of our home. Again, even last night, we tried to see if we could have the windows open on a cool evening. We can't. The whistles are blowing all night long. Every 2 or 3 hours we are awakened by the trains going by. Currently, we basically have to leave the air conditioning on--wasting energy and not being able to enjoy just the cool breeze in the evening because we can be awakened in all hours of the evening and my husband and I both work a lot of hours and he gets at like 4 in the morning and it is not fair to him to have to be awakened at, you know, 11:00, midnight, 2 in the morning, at different increments throughout the night. So we really are feeling the impact of just the current volume of trains going by. In addition to having increased hazardous waste materials, potential accidents that's going to maybe have pollutants or dangerous toxic chemicals, may be released in the air. We don't live that far from the trains, but it's definitely too close. So, if you could please keep that in mind, I would really appreciate it and we really do not want this transaction to go through. Please prevent it at all costs as this is just not a good thing for residents, consumers in the area, businesses, etc. So I really appreciate you listening to my concerns and I hope you have a great day. If you have any questions, I have sent letters, etc., and you are welcome to give us a call. 630-585-8729 and thanks again. Bye Bye