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Mike Frank Francone. Docket # 35087. My comment is as follows. There is a need and we do need a solution. However, this solution is like fitting a 15 pound package into a 5 pound bag. But in this case, the solution needs to come from a host of organizations. You cannot allow a solution to come solely from an independent foreign corporation who are far removed from the multiple communities they are severely, negatively impacting. The sole purpose in this proposal is to improve their organization, profit margins, and stock price at the expense financially, physically, emotionally and quality of life for decades to come of these numerous communities of 10s of thousands of US citizens. It is not just Barrington. CN will not, once this deal is approved, and since their primary purpose is to improve shareholder wealth, try to quickly mitigate any negative fallouts of this transaction. I say this based on the comments I have read from top CN officials regarding this deal. They are very arrogant and seem to feel they are entitled to dictate the future of railroad in the United States and the future of our calling and our already well established communities. They seem to be put out when asked about safety, noise increased traffic and how it will affect viability of so many communities. Budgeted tax dollars are too modest to accommodate the infrastructure improvement needed. Thereby letting our towns, through no fault of our elected officials, deteriorate instantly as a viable place to do business or live. It is the responsibility of our government, any government, to first secure the safety, well being and quality of life of its citizens are secured prior to allowing corporation come in and dictate how an entire region, Northern IL along with its citizens and corporate organizations will live and function. We'll have to adjust our lives negatively to secure CNs future success. This is entirely unacceptable and simply not right humanly. I am confident our government can implement a regional freight system that will improve efficiency and traffic that will benefit everyone. We can create a Unites States of America system that takes into consideration all who are affected. This is a current proposal that benefits one corporate organization at the expense of many. Here are some comments that have made others weary by Mr. Harrison, CEO. Three year environmental study he claims to be ridiculous in this case.. . US government to foot most of the bill for the infrastructure and improvements needed. . . the deal is only the beginning to scratch the surface of the potential. Again, thank you for your time and I appreciate you making this available to everyone. Bye.

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