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Message: CN's acquisition of the EJ&E railroad has resulted in a significantly reduced quality of life for me, my family, and other residents of Mundelein. Train traffic noise is now a problem at all times of day and night. Worse is that the level crossings are blocked by train traffic at a far higher level than before the acquisition. CN promised to handle these issues during the previous hearings, and from my perspective they have completely failed to do so.

In addition to the additional time and expense incurred by me for the additional time waiting for level crossings to clear, I'm very concerned about the increased response times for police, fire and EMS. Residents of Mundelein are placed at risk by the additional rail traffic.

CN should be required to replace level crossings with railroad overpasses at their own expense, or reduce traffic levels and level-crossing blockages to more reasonable levels.