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Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed
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Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company
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Transcript:

I am in opposition of this acquisition proposed, because it creates several problems for us. It's congested transportation roads, the safety of getting our children to school and back because we have many many buses crossing this railroad track. And some of the railroad tracks have been blocked like last school year, and it caused a delay and dismissal because the first bus routes could not be completed so all of the others following that were delayed. We have had problems with emergency responses, I have noticed since they upgraded that railroad, which was a very positive thing, but the trains are getting longer and I've noticed that fire, ambulance, and police have been delayed because they could not cross the track, they had to go opposite directions to get to medical. That railroad track shuts us off from a lot the medical facilities, all the hospitals because they are located east of the railroad track of my area. So if your on the west you gotta cross these tracks to get where your going. So that's a very necessary serious concern. Another one is the noise that the train brings through and the vibrations as those cars are moving, our houses shake, cracks are beginning to come in, cabinets pulled from wall, and other wood moldings around the wall, so you can see that, and there are some cracks in the basement probably due to that same thing. The other thing is predatory people and a lot of crimal people use railroads to travel. They hitch those trains, they hang around through those cars and its easy access to do whatever and get on out. Those are some of my concerns, very serious concerns, as far as I am concerned. For the safety of the coummunity, and the overall safety of the community, the crossings and all those things. So, that's mine, and I hope I gave you enough information to accept my concerns. I am from the Joliet area, I am a cross between Joliet and Plainfield. I have services from both cities. The railroad has taken on more cars, since I moved here. It was down once a day, round trip. I only heard that train or saw it twice a day. And now theres a lot of rumbling going on different times of day and night, and it is much lot longer than it used to be.