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**Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed
Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the
Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company
STB Finance Docket No. 35087**

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Transcript:

I'm calling about the railroad's option, I guess, to purchase the railway that goes through my town. I live on, I live off of 135th Street, at this moment there are no emergency response on my side of the railway. If this goes through, this significantly cuts the time for if my house would go, would start on fire, if my 6-year old daughter would fall and get hurt, or I would need emergency response to my home, it limits the ability for them to get to my home. My problem with the proposed 40 some trains a day is the buses won't be able to get to my daughter's school to pick up the other children who need to be picked up. It's more than just an inconvenience at this point, it's a very, very dangerous proposition that could possible put lives in jeopardy until they would be able to get something built. I understand that congestion is hard for everyone, but when you're talking about, you know, ambulance service, fire department, police departments, we don't have one on this side, you're talking some bigger problems, the police actually could get through, but they're the only one of the three. It's very, very scary knowing that if there was an emergency at my home, I wouldn't be able to have the proper medical attention, or the proper fire personnel at my home in a timely manner. I would prefer that they would come here and be able to put my fire out, rather than put the embers of what was once my house out because they're always stopped in front of this train track at 135th Street, it's just absolutely disasterous because they get hot wheels is what we've been told. Well unfortunately if the railway is having that many problems keeping the wheels they way that they should be and it's already, you know, damaging some of the trains are causing backups right now, can you imagine the significance if you have that many trains going. Also, it's a no horn blowing area, so I think that you greatly increase the risk of a pedestrian or cars getting hit by trains, who at night if the crossings aren't working and they're not blowing their horns, then we've got some bigger problems. So I really think that you should reconsider this purchase and possibly look someplace else where it wouldn't be causing a significant amount of terror in the people who live on this side of the tracks. Thank you very much. My phone number if you need to contact me is 815-609-1861. Thank you