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Yes, my name is George Hough. I live at 1434 Essex Drive in Hoffman Estates IL 60192. My phone number is 847-466-5604. My email is hough2@juno.com. I would like to comment on this 35087 which allows the CN to purchase the loop that goes around Chicago so that they can become more efficient on bringing the goods from China and other foreign countries from the Vancouver port to the United States. One of my biggest concerns, just like we do with air traffic, we don't allow any foreign entity to fly over the United States with unfettered access. The reason for that is the security reason so that there is never a detonation of any of those aircrafts flying while they're in the United States airspace so that they can hurt American people. I believe that Canadian National already has a route that goes through Chicago and makes many, many delivery stops in downtown Chicago so that it can be shipped in different areas. I don't believe that this ring that goes around Chicago would be in the interest environmentally to the neighborhood that I live in after working my whole life and retiring further west out here away from the city and the airplanes and that. I like backing up to the forest reserve. I like backing up to the park district. I really don't care for trains coming through here bringing any hazardous waste or even if it was train traffic itself; it's noisy enough. When you move to the country, you move fore peace and quiet. That's the American dream to grow up and obtain a life and a family and move to the suburbs and have a place of peace and quiet for your retirement. And since they built my retirement community here and you're encroaching on that with this CN proposition, it's not a very good thing for me. All you're going to do is break the bank on another middle-class person and I can't see that that is going to happen. I don't think it should happen. Environmentally, I would say we've heard enough about Japanese beetles and bugs and creatures that come into the United States from foreign carriers. It doesn't matter if it's on land. It doesn't matter if it's in the air. It doesn't matter if it's in our Great Lake system we're seeing being destroyed right now because of predators coming into the area that have no indigenous enemy and they're destroying our fresh water system. The decline of the Unites States is just being forwarded by the Bush agenda as far as getting rid of environmental studies or anything else. All he wants to do is open up more land for more big companies to come in and see what they can do to expose whatever is under the ground or something above the ground which is unnecessary. Getting back to the environmental impact, we know that the North shore of Chicago was invaded by beetles and we've lost millions and millions of trees. Which is what we need to sustain ourselves on this planet since they produce the oxygen that we need. We didn't bring those in by aircraft because at 36000 feet in un-pressurized, non-regulated or heated cab would have never left. It would have been the great ice age for those beetles and they wouldn't have had that problem in this area. So we brought many of those things in by railcar and we've allowed the Canadian Nationals and other people that have cheapened the amount of money that it costs to ship from the Pacific Coast to the Midwest and the Atlantic Coast to the Midwest. To bring all of those foreign properties into this area where there is not indigenous predator and we've never been able to figure out how to control those different creatures that come here. We see that all the time with the depletion of our natural resources. I think that this is a very, very poor decision to allow Canadian National to acquire (call ended)

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