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Yes, my name is Roger Prietz. My address is 21910 Emily Lane in Frankfort, IL. 60423 is my zip code. And I would just like to make the comment that I am firmly opposed to the acquisition of the EJ&E by the Canadian National railroad. It has the potential to just reek havoc in our community. We have nine grade crossings alone in Frankfort and only one of them is above the railroad. What we are going to probably have is massive traffic jams, pollution, and on and on and on. The increased traffic alone is going to ruin the home values of most of the homes in the communities that is served by the EJ&E. Many of them that were planned around the fact that the EJ&E ran so few trains during the day that property was going to be available to be purchase with that thought in mind. I'm very concerned about the emergency access to emergency services. I'm afraid that if my wife is ill or something that an ambulance or fire engine is not going to be able to reach us in time to help her and we have the school not just two blocks from the train line and many youngsters have to cross at 116th Ave in Frankfort and there are no gates there much less the ability for people to cross when 10,000 foot long trains are coming. So I really with that you would rethink any approval that might be granted to the Canadian National. It certainly is not going to be the best of interest of the general public of any of the communities along the EJ&E right of way. Thank you.

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