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Hi, this is Jim and Kristy Bertrand and our address is 550 Heather Lane, Frankfort IL 60423 and we are calling in opposition to the acquisition of the EJ&E railroad because they are going to expand it a lot. That's the plans and currently we have something like 5 trains going through our backyard everyday. I've lived here across the street for over 30 years and I know that there is one train track there and I was fine taking the risk by moving by the train tracks because my house only rattled 5 times a day and I can't hear my TV even with all my windows closed, 5 times a day. But I think if the trains come by more, I'm going to smell more of that Diesel fuel in my backyard. Also, my property values are going to come down because no one will want to buy my house. So currently my house is worth X amount and would be worth significantly less if this train acquisition went through and they expanded the railroad tracks beyond what is currently existing. Also, yeah that's it. I am opposed to it and so is my wife Kristy Bertrand and also there are safety concerns but more importantly there has to be major considerations taken into account for noise pollution and also immediate diesel smoke pollution at the property and then also the inability to sell my home at market value with the train traffic occurring as proposed and the letter from December 2007. My phone number is 815-405-5761. Thank you.