



Environmental Impact Statement



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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:

My concern is with the proposed acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad. I am very concerned about the increased traffic and safety concerns and noise concerns this presents to our area. Specifically, I am concerned about the length of the trains causing delays. I am also concerned about these crossing at-grade, heading west from my area, many students will be driving to Wabonzi Valley High School and must cross these tracks. I am very concerned about the, these students trying to run the train because it will be late or long and lengthy and they'll be running late for school if they sit there and wait for it, they're going to try to run the gates, if they can. I am also concerned about the added time that this will add for student commuting by bus as the busses will sit there and wait, our bus routes are already over 30 minutes to go to Wabonzi Valley High School adding an additional 5 to 10 minutes on those for train delay is unacceptable. I'm also concerned about emergency vehicles crossing west to go to Rush Copple Hospital. Minutes and seconds are valuable when life is in jeopardy and these trains will delay our ability to cross to that hospital. In general, I am opposed to the acquisition allowing the Canadian Railroad to put longer and more trains through this community. I would not be opposed to it going through farmland, but this is not farmland and I am opposed to it for the problems it creates for a highly populated suburban area. Thank you for your time.