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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 want to make a comment about uh the Canadian National purchase of uh EJ&E Railway. I am um hadn't gone over to a Lake Zurich public meeting and spoke with um Mr. Kabordous who is an agent or representative of CN, at the end of our conversation what he had said to me is that people in Barrington are afraid of change and I want to let you know that as someone from Barrington, I am not afraid of change, I am afraid though of what CN will bring. I am very, very frightened by that. I am surrounded by CN tracks on uh three sides and when a two-mile long freight train comes through I have tracks within a half-mile of my home, I will not be able to exit my subdivision, except to go north. I will be trapped in my subdivision. My daughter, who goes to the high school in Barrington, has to cross three railroad crossings to get to school and that is in one-way, one-way she crosses three railroads and I do have to tell you that having twenty freight trains come through our small town will greatly put our children at jeopardy, we have had within the past year three very young people who have had lost their lives on railroad tracks, this is something the STB has got to consider. It is very scary to be in my home for almost 15 years now and to have my town disintegrate around me. I will, we've put tons of money and time into our home and it will lose so much value and we're getting older and we won't have that ability to pick up and move and who will buy my home when I have a railway less than 900 feet away from me, freight trains coming through on a regular basis? What will become of my subdivision? My neighbors? My home? My business which is in town that I will not be able to get to? What will become of all of this? It's a very scary situation and I hope the STB looks at this and makes the right decision and helps us because we are fighting this foreign company who is really, truly not bringing any benefits to our town or our state and maybe not the country. Their products will get to uh the east the east coast faster, to get overseas faster, but it will not help us. We are in trouble here and you are the government and you need to help us. Please help us. My number is 847-382-7232.