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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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Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

While the EIS attempts to estimate congestion at various road intersections, I find the conclusions lead to insignificant commitments to mitigate congestion. The area has a road system which does not follow a grid pattern and roads are winding. The result is a set of roads with significant congestion points and few alternative routes. The expected impact will be severe.

The congestion concerns me that emergency vehicles will face significant delays and air pollution will be significant. The EJE line cuts through the growth corridor of the Chicago metropolitan area and will have a damaging impact on private and public investment, real estate values and transportation costs for local businesses.

I would hope the board understands that the benefits of this measurable rail line expansion do not justify the broad damage done to our community. God help us if there is an industrial accident from a derailment!

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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