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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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Transcript:

We moved to this area a year and a half ago. We looked at many, many, many areas and chose this area for all of the positives that exist in this community over all the negatives in so many of the neighboring communities. Um the lack of consideration on any level by CN is just appalling to us and how we explain it to a 14-year old who is learning about our government is just incredible. The amount of traffic delays that this proposal will increase and how it will economically affect the area. It's unbelievable how you explain it being late as a school employee to a principal and students who will be arriving at all times of the day due to being late by waiting at railroad tracks, it's not even comprehensible. The environmental affects are incredible. The public safety is going to be greatly reduced, the crime rate will be going up. This area is one of the top 100 cities in the United States for its education, the amount of recreation with walking paths and biking paths, all of that will be negatively definitely go down. The fire and emergency services are going to be greatly reduced and put at risk. We have a hospital that is very close by; you cannot get to a hospital quickly if you're sitting at a railroad tracks 95% of the day. Our property values will greatly reduce. Our air quality will go down, which will negatively affect the wildlife, endangered species and the noise and vibration levels will significantly increase. I, as voter and a homeowner, do not see a positive anywhere in this and everything is very much a negative affect on the quality of life in what is a wonderful community to live in and grow in America at this time. Um, if this proposal goes through, we will not be living here and will definitely not recommend the area to anyone else. It's just a travesty that a foreign company can come in and do this. Um, I hope its resolved to the majority. Thank you