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To Congressional.Public.Services@stb.dot.gov  
Subject Docket 35087

Gentlemen,

I am writing to you today to ask you to please consider carefully your pending approval of the Canadian National Railway acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway.

Completion of that acquisition will have an immense and adverse affect on traffic (personal and emergency) in my neighborhood because it is projected to increase the number and length of the freight carrying trains that cross our thoroughfares by more than 400%. The acquisition as presently proposed does not include the funding necessary to build "overpasses" that will alleviate this impact, therefore the burden of providing these overpasses is going to fall on the citizens of my community and on all Illinois tax payers.

Further, the timing of your nothing in your approval of this acquisition and the rerouting it will encompass does not appear to provide adequate time for us to raise funds and build the necessary overpasses. Thus we can expect not only huge delays as train pass over our grade crossings, but also a significant personal risk due to the inability of emergency equipment such as fire equipment and ambulances that will inevitably be delayed as they wait for 200+ car freight trains to pass through the grade crossings.

Please delay your approval until this problem can be resolved financially and logistically or at least make your approval contingent on CNR funding for the grade crossings they will be affecting and a suitable period of time to construct the necessary overpasses or underpasses that will eliminate the risk we are facing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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