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The comment I would like to make is, is the following. Uh, this has reference to the proposed acquisition of the EJ&E Railway by the Canadian National Railway. As Frankfort, Illinois residents living within 1/8th of a mile from the EJ&E tracks, my wife and I would like to add a few comments from our perspective and voice our vehement opposition to the proposed acquisition. Frankfort is a lovely and charming community which will be rendered an environmental catastrophe if the acquisition is approved. Property values will fall as well, especially for those of us living within earshot of the tracks. Had we known 14 years ago what we know today, we would have definitely not built here. The residents living around the CN's current location knew full well the environment in which they were buying, the presence of the railroad had already been factored into their property values. <indiscernible> your citizens the delay and response time of emergency vehicles is most troubling. Parents with school children are troubled as many of our schools are located within close proximity to the tracks. We are under attack by terrorist groups from around the world, if this acquisition is approved, does this mean that we could lose control of the inspection process of many containers entering the US? This is a frightening thought. On a patriotic theme, we strongly opposed the further acquisition of an American railroad by a foreign company. The CN's argument is that it will allow for a more efficient transportation system which will affect the cost of goods ultimately to the consumer. This is pure folly and an insult to our intelligence. The real reason is that it will improve their bottom line, benefiting them and their shareholders at the expense of Frankfort residents. Worse yet, it will give them a competitive advantage over US railroads and US West Coast ports. When are we as a nation going to wake up and stop exporting our jobs and wealth? We need to draw the line somewhere. We have multiple reasons to draw the line here. My wife and I respectfully ask that you rule in favor of Americans not fuck foreigners. Please let us keep Frankfort uh the lovely and charming community it has become. Sincerely and thank you for uh receiving my message. Bye now