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Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company
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Transcript:

We are calling to let you know, and plead with you, to please not approve this proposed acquisition. For various reasons that I am sure you supporters are aware of at this point. As far as we're concerned, this application makes no sense. It makes no sense to the people involved, it makes no sense to the thousands and thousands if not millions of people affected by this. We are asking that you the board, use a common sense approach, just like any constitutional case in court, there is a test that allows one to weigh the pros and cons to decide which ones outweigh. In this instance, you are looking at CN, CN is a corporation that is not US based, it's a foreign corporation that is coming into the US for a purely economic gain. It will affect, if this goes through, the safety, the environment, considering their record obviously, the lives as we know it. We believe this acquisition violates our rights to own and enjoy, the main word being enjoy, our property. It violates our way of life. What is the gain? What is on the other side? The other side is the economic, purely economic interest of CN railroad. Put that economic interest on the scale, against let's say the economic interest of the US taxpayers. We in this country still believe that people matter, their lives matter, not foreign corporations. We ask, we beg, and we plead with you to please not approve of this acquisition. You are aware of all the issues. CN, a foreign corporation, moreover, expects to come into the US and use our money, my money, my neighbors money, whomever affected, regular normal people that build our lives here and pay our taxes here. We are expected to pay for some foreign corporation to benefit economically. Our tax dollars, they expect to use our tax dollars for various various reasons that come out of this acquisition. Now does that make sense? In any capacity, can you as a board sit there and say that that makes sense? To expect us to foot the bill for the purely economic interest of CN. Ask yourself who benefits in this case? Is it the people that are affected? Is it the superhighway for the trains? Is it the fact that our property, that we can no longer enjoy our property? And what we paid for and bargained for no longer matters? We are now expected to support CN's interest in our economy? Please, weigh these issues. We beg you, vote no to CN's proposed acquisition. There is no justification and no common sense in it.