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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:

Does greed give the right to any company to come in to my community and negatively change it forever? My personal and simplest objection is my sleep depravation, living within train whistle range of these crossings, three crossings: Piper Road, Soft Trail and Center Road, for 38 years I wake up each time a train passes though. This impacts my life, social life, my health, my job, and that of everyone else who has ever never gotten used to it. Heavier and longer trains will have a dramatic impact on people's health as at least once an hour the noise will disrupt sleep, relaxation, and anything else they are trying to do increasing blood pressure, anger, and those related problems. It's not just mine proven that the impact of one, two, three, and counting minutes in arriving at the hospital decreases my and your chances of good outcome for stroke, heart attack, and many other medical emergencies. It is just not surmised, but proven that these delays will occur on a regular basis if this sale is allowed to take place. Is a large company hungry for bigger profits allowed to come into my community and put me, my neighbors, and friends at risk for their lives? Reports say that property values within 300 feet of the crossings will also be negatively impacted. Well, I have news for you, since I can hear screaming whistles from three crossings and my neighbor's lamps shake when trains approach, I can assure you that property values within one mile will be impacted negatively just on the basis of noise and vibrations. Start adding the traffic and safety issues and you will see this is a large problem. Even a company with a good safety record should not have the oppourtunity to change so many communities in so many bad, bad ways, why aren't the positive options available to them being considered?