

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

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Our family lives in Earnington on the North side of N.W. Hwy. We have 3 children who are in high school and middle school, are involved in many activities and require us to cross the Train Tracks many times during the day and night. I already know how all three of our major roads are blocked at the same time when a freight train passes thru town. This shuts down our town, cause everyone to be late, and endangers walkers, bikers and all those in ~~town~~ cars to be subject to injury due to crowded road, irritated drivers and impatient people waiting. Our childrens education and ability to be involved in extra curricular activities will be adversely affected to the point that these activities may need to be dropped. To do this to thousands of our communities children for the sole profit of one rail company does not make sense or seem fair. The same issue involved with so many trains ~~is~~ have to be dramatic and devastating. My children already lost 2 friends to train accidents last year and this is sure to happen more often with so many trains. Emergency vehicles will also not be able to transport in appropriate time.

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