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Environmental Impact Statement

Comment Form

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

STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Date: Sept 9, 2008

Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

I am against this sale because:

1. I am against any sale of US infrastructure to foreign companies.
2. I live about 1/2 mile from the grade level crossing at Montgomery Rd. My husband crosses this crossing twice each work day to and from the 59th st commuter station. I drive across this about 3 times a week. If this sale goes through we will have to change this pattern wasting our time and gas on a daily basis.
3. I freely acknowledge the rail traffic problems, but these should be solved by the states and federal agencies - not a foreign interest.
4. the increased # of trains over these tracks is unacceptable. Trains every 20 to 30 minutes means Montgomery Rd will be impassable - day and night. Never mind the noise and pollution! this RR wants to stick Aurora and the rest of us with the overpass b.c.c.s - an "improvement" we currently don't want or need. \$40 million offer is a joke.
5. There is no economic benefit for Aurora at all. House values will be impacted.
6. I object to the tactics of this company's lobbyist, paid endorsements and other sneaky methods. If this is such a good idea why are these methods needed?
7. I think the US should rethink its entire Freight Transportation system before it is hijacked by foreign competition. This is a plan that will impact US ports in Cal.F which currently ship about 80% of Pacific Rim stuff. Do we really need to import so much "stuff" from China? This is writing off our whole manufacturing base. I question that diesel powered locomotives that weren't "modern" before the civil war (steam version) is the way to go to ship freight in this country. We need new fresh ideas, not this same old ways of doing things, foreign version.

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