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Um, I'm not going to have a question, I have a comment. So there is no prompt for comment, I am a resident of Joliet, IL who lives. . . my home backs up to the railroad on Division Street and basically I'm against this acquisition. Currently the train traffic is heavy enough not to mention the sounds of the horns and they go on all day long. Just the other day I sat at a railroad crossing for 9 minutes waiting for a train to go past. To almost triple that a day would be absurd. I am a retired fireman and paramedic and the fact that that is an access route for the Joliet Fire Department and other Fire services and for them to get stuck with train traffic is just ridiculous. On days you are sitting out there from anywhere from 5 minutes to a half hour on the current train traffic so to increase that would be absurd. Again, my name is Greg Vayas. Phone number 815-741-0045. Again, this is just a comment that I am totally against this. The City of Joliet . . . the plane field? . . . the traffic with the trains now is ridiculous and to almost triple that from 18 to 42 a day would be absurd. Nobody would be able to get anywhere during the holidays. Nobody would be able to move around this area because traffic so heavy now with mall and all the other homes that have been built in the area. To triple that would be absurd. Unless you're living here and you have to deal with it on a daily basis, cause you have no idea what it's like. Train traffic, train noise; just the fact that you're sitting at these crossings all day is ridiculous and for all those trains to come through here would be absurd. So if anybody has a question, they can call me back. I am totally against this and I know I'm not the only one. Traffic would be absurd. It would be ridiculous. . . emergency traffic. . . nobody would get anywhere. It's ridiculous now. It's difficult with the current format and the current traffic pattern that there is. So please reconsider on this acquisition because it will really will affect many people not just emergency responders but people on a daily basis trying to get to and from work, to and from school. Not to mention what it's going to do for bus traffic for kids trying to get to school and home from school every day. This is a very large school district and now you're going to compound traffic with kids trying to get home. Parents are on schedules. Everybody has to get to and from work. Please do not compound it. Thank you.

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