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I am writing to comment on the proposed purchase of 200 miles of track by the CN Railroad from the E J & E Railroad, STB Finance Docket No. 35087. I live in the eastern part of Aurora, IL, and our area will be adversely affected by this purchase. The CN estimates the total number of trains passing through our area will increase by 28%, and some of them could be up to a mile long. This is already a high-density traffic area during the work-day, and it will become almost impossible under this proposed merger. My wife and I must cross one of the affected intersections to and from work every day, and our commuting times could double or triple. What is of most concern is the affect on emergency responders. the Aurora and Fire and Police Depts and the Kane County Sheriff's Dept have expressed grave concern about the certain delay in responding to emergency situations. What is equally disconcerting is the obvious bias being shown by the STB in this matter. The draft EIS released back in July suggests that over \$ 2 billion in tax-payer funds will be used to the sole benefit of CN. Nowhere is there any mention of any CN financial commitment to mitigating concerns over this plan. The fact that the upcoming meeting on Sept 9, 2008, is being at West Aurora High School. far away from the affected area. furthur shows an pro-merger bias, before any public comment, on the part of STB. The meeting should be held at Waubonsie Valley High School, which is in the middle of the area affected by this plan. The meeting choice was absurd, and shows complete disdain by the STB toward the citizens of our area.