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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:

Um, I have two major concerns about the impact of the acquisition of the EJ&E Railway. Um, I live approximately less than one block from the um Gilmer line, um I don't know if that's the actual line there, but Gilmer Railroad crossing, and my concern is number one, that's just a two lane highway and the increase in traffic and how that would affect school buses in particular with our children coming and going from school and just the back up and traffic congestion. Number two, my other major concern is the newly built Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center which is on the east side of the and backs up to the railway, it's probably not more than 200 feet, I could be off a little bit there, from the waterpark. Um I have four children and we frequent that waterpark all summer, um June, July, and August and my concern already is we've been there frequently at the park when trains have gone through and the noise level is so loud that, you know, I couldn't even hear my child yelling in the water if they needed help or they were looking for mommy, etc. Um, so my concern is if, if the railway increases its number of freight cars up to, you know, 10 or 20 uh you know you're gonna get a train going through there almost every hour, you know, how are parents going to uh hear their children? Uh so that is a major, major concern, I don't know if they would put up some sort of a wall maybe over there, to cut down on the noise, but if this thing does go through, that would be a huge suggestion, but I'm very concerned about that because that is huge to Hawthorn Woods, um having the ability to have somewhere for our kids to go in the summer and I'm concerned about their safety. And the last, and I know other people have uh voiced this concern of course, is property values. I moved here to Hawthorn Woods um hoping that we'd live here for a while and make a good investment on our home, um your home is always your number one asset, um I'm concerned that the property value is going to go down. An last, but not least, is the general noise and the honking of the horn, um some of the freight trains uh we have a noise-free train crossing here and when the trains do cross they don't blow their horn, but I would think that over time, they're going to have to start doing that again, it is very loud in the evening whether you're trying to put kids to bed, sleeping, etc. So those are my concerns. Thanks you very much and have a great day. Bye bye