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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:

I actually live right next to the Village of Buffalo Grove METRA Station and I had a comment. I heard that there was a lot of opposition from the communities where the railways, where the rails would be moving to, where the trains would be moving to due to noise and congestion and such and I just wanted to put my comment in that there will be an equal decrease in our areas and I feel that that would essentially cancel out the reasoning on the other side. Specifically in my situation, we live, there aren't any houses between us and the railway, there is about a one lot space between our house and the railway, and on the other side of the railway, actually it's just their backyard and then the railway is right next to them, so it's a lot worse on the other side actually. On our side of the railway, there are four houses within, just on our block of the street that are up for sale, and they have had a lot of problems because sometimes, unfortunately during their open houses, it happened a couple of times, the trains, the freight trains would sit and, they actually sit just back behind our street and they just idle and it's actually quite loud, and they've had a lot of problems getting their houses sold, and we wanted to sell our house, we've lived here a couple of years, but you know, it's just time to move on and do different things. It doesn't bother us so much now, but it's a problem, already the housing market is so bad and it's causing a big problem for a lot of our neighbors and trains do sit and idle quite a bit and we've got used to the noise, but when we have visitors they always complain that, "what is all the noise going on at night?", and well it's the trains, you know, at like 4 in the morning sitting behind house, but. So I just wanted to let you guys know that we would really love to have the freight trains gone. I think, hopefully it would also open the option to increase the number of trains that METRA would have in the area, and I really love, that's the main reason that we moved here because my husband works downtown and it's wonderful being able just to walk to the METRA station and then go right downtown, you don't have to mess with traffic and I think, I'm hoping that if the freight trains aren't on our lines as much, that it will mean that METRA will have the option to have a weekend METRA train on our line, which we don't have right now, Saturday or Sunday service, and also we have very, very limited service on off-peak hours on the METRA rail and I'm really hoping that that will at least make an option available for increase, the likelihood that we'll have increased service running on our METRA lines. So, um I hope that you'll take our comments into consideration and understand that our area and Buffalo Grove will really benefit in the reduction of freight trains if the move is approved. Thank you