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Hi, this is Sharon Recaling and I live in Frankfort IL and first of all I would like to thank Phyllis for coming Holiday Inn in Madison IL and attending the meeting that was there in regards to the purchase of the railroad tracks by the Canadian Railway. We are extremely concerned here in Frankfort IL with all the trains that would be passing through our town. People have worked very hard to keep the quaint little town that it is. We live right on one of the main streets. We have a home that's 125 years old. We have spent several thousand dollars on trying to preserve some historical trees that are on our site. The train tracks run through our town. A lot of the homes backing up to the railroad tracks. Right now we are very happy with the 68 trains that come through daily. But with the increase in length of trains, bigger engines, longer trains, traffic backups . . . right now there are times when emergency vehicles going in front of our home cannot get over the railroad tracks because the train is there. We've had traffic backed up past our driveway where we can't get out of our home. Please don't let this become even a bigger issue to our town. Again, Phyllis, thank you so much for coming out and talking with us and listening to our concerns for these trains that will be going through several communities like ours. Thank you. I went to our town also and there will be a petition in the mail from some of my neighbors that have signed it. And talking with everyone and some of the old-timers that have been here 40-50 years. They have seen a lot of changes but this one is big for them and they are extremely big issue that they do not want to see this big increase in train traffic. Again, thank you so much Phyllis for coming out and listening to us. Bye.

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