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Hi, this is in reference to finance docket # 35087. I wanted to make some comments about the CN acquisition of the Elgon Joliet Railway. The environmental impact are huge in this acquisition. Not only are there noise and air quality, storm water management and traffic implications; there's a huge concern about safety and security for people that live in these communities that this railway's going to extend through. There are schools and school yards directly adjacent to the railways, to the railroad. We've been notified there will be hazardous materials rolling by which is not safe at all for the kids. We're concerned about soil contamination along the alignment with contaminants being airborne during construction of the tracks or any destruction of soil. Underground gas lines. In case of derailments are always of concern with housing and of course schools being so close. We're very concerned about the amount of car traffic and accidents that will be at great at these crossings. The proposed increase train traffic is huge and these are highly, highly, densely populated residential areas. This is going to affect all traffic at all times of the day. It will be very dangerous for communities; our community which is full of school age kids. It will also affect the emergency response vehicles and the time they have to wait to cross these lines. We're concerned about derailments. We know that CN has a history of derailments which we are very, very concerned about. We're concerned about the trains being parked on the tracks adjacent to our neighborhoods and what's stored in these trains. You can see schools from where these trains are parked and we're also concerned about terrorist attacks and affects this will have having these dangerous chemicals in highly, densely populated residential areas. Overall, the insurmountable consequences for our residential communities along this railway are extremely negative and we feel that this should be blocked and not take affect. We also need quiet zone enacted immediately up and down the railways going through the City of Naperville and Plainfield and Aurora because the noise pollution is unbearable. Thank you for listening to my concerns.

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