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Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company STB Finance Docket No. 35087

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Transcript:

I'm calling to oppose the STB finance docket number 35087 regarding the purchase of the EJ&E Railroad by the Canadian National Railway. I am in opposition of this because I feel that it is a danger to my community, my daughter will be going to school in the backyard of that railway. I also feel that it is unsafe for children because they will be walking to the south of these tracks from the north of these tracks from school back and forth and I believe it is very dangerous because there is a hospital on the south of the tracks and we live on the north and there is no other nearby hospital and I feel that it would threaten people's lives if emergency crew could not assist people that are sick or wounded. I also am in opposition of this because of the noise of the whistles, we get six trains per day right now and it's loud enough. I am also against the air pollution that it will bring to my community, I moved from Chicago last year so that I could have a better environment, better air quality and I'm paying the taxes to do that. I also feel that there will be major, major traffic problems, my children may be late to school. I also think that when my child, my daughter is in school behind the tracks there will be so much noise from the horns or whistles that she will not be able to concentrate in school. I also feel that it will lower the value of my home because of the vibration. My house is four houses away from the tracks and the rise in my property taxes will more than likely go up so that we can make adjustments in this area in order to provide under and overpasses and I do not feel that that is right for us to have to pay for all of that. The millions of dollars that it will cost and one last thing, I am against foreign goods being shipped from China, you know, from a foreign country to ship through a foreign country where we have to pay for all the costs of everything that's about to happen if this goes through. I am definitely, definitely 150% in opposition to this move and to this purchase. Thank you very much, have a blessed day