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2 RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE ELGIN, JOLIET,
3 AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
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9 STATEMENT OF:
10 INGER BURROWS
11 August 27, 2008
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14 BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
15 616 WEST MAIN STREET
16 BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS
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1 I have already submitted my
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2 written comments beforehand, but I'm
3 incredibly disturbed.

4 I saw in the paper recently that
5 they are going to go to the courts and try
6 to get permission to buy so that they can
7 meet the deadline of the 31st of December
8 and postpone the environmental studies and
9 postpone all of this until afterwards. I
10 find that totally despicable. They are not
11 negotiating in good faith. This is just
12 cramming it down our throats. That's one
13 comment.

14 The next comment -- I can bring
15 up some other points. It's incredible that
16 they're going to have in the place like the
17 Garlands where they have senior citizens.
18 There is another senior citizens home on
19 Main Street that's going to be affected.
20 They are not going to be able to get up to
21 the hospital, the nearest hospital. The
22 library is going to be affected. I won't
23 have access -- if there are trains, I won't
24 have access to the fire or police or

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1 ambulance. So I guess I'll have to get my
2 own little brigade by myself.

3 Also in that area they've just
4 given permission to build a hospice. So

5 there's going to be lots of people who want
6 to come and go, and they're going to be
7 terribly affected because there are two
8 crossings within less than half a mile.

9 The other thing is if this goes
10 through, apart from the traffic that's
11 going to be horrendous -- it's horrendous
12 now. So I don't know. Triple horrendous,
13 quadruple. I don't know. It's going to be
14 awful. I saw already when they had to do
15 some work on 14 on the crossing and the
16 traffic was backed up for miles.

17 The environmental thing is that
18 all these people are going to be sitting
19 and idling in their cars. So we are going
20 to have carbon monoxide, you know, within
21 miles of this. We're going to be in a
22 bubble of this, unless they're going to
23 have a law that you can't idle for more
24 than 30 seconds. Some of these trains take

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1 50 minutes to go through town.

2 Then there is the misperception
3 for some people -- and I don't know how
4 that has happened, but they think that
5 letting the trains go through will cut down
6 on cars, that is not the case because these
7 people are just taking the freight trains

8 that are normally going on another line
9 through Chicago and they are just going to
10 displace those and put them in our backyard
11 instead.

12 I'm also very concerned about
13 they told me about mitigating the traffic
14 problems by having either viaducts or
15 something and they're talking about putting
16 \$40 million to alleviate the traffic maybe
17 on two different -- on 59 and 14 in
18 Barrington. That's a joke. 40 million
19 goes nowhere. So I don't know who they're
20 trying to fool.

21 The other thing I saw in the
22 paper just the other day is that they are
23 negotiating with Joliet and apparently
24 they've come to some agreement with Joliet.

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1 I have no idea how they can go in without
2 having the okay to build this thing and go
3 in and negotiate deals with various towns.
4 It seems very shady to me.

5 I think that's about it. It's
6 pretty gruesome.

7 Also, this is a Canadian company, and
8 what are we getting in return from Canada for
9 this? we're helping them, Canadian National, and
10 what's in it for us? So the people who are

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11 saying, Oh, this is great, yes, because it's
12 getting out of their back yards and into our back
13 yards, but nothing good -- it's just a shift.

14 I think that's about it.

15 (End of statement.)

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