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1 SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN
2 NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE
3 ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

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STATEMENT OF:

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TONI BOGARD

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AUGUST 27, 2008

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BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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616 WEST MAIN STREET

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BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS

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MS. TONI BOGARD: My name is Toni
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2 Bogard, and I live in Deer Park, Illinois.
3 The EJ&E railroad tracks run right behind
4 my property; and if you put 20 or more
5 trains a day on that, I'm worried about the
6 health about it, the air control, because I
7 have asthma, okay. Also if you're taking
8 hazardous materials across there every day,
9 there's more of a chance that there's 20
10 trains for that to derail or to spill.
11 That would go on my property, and I have a
12 well and septic system. That would ruin
13 everything and my house would be condemned.
14 Also that train would stop
15 traffic coming in and out of my
16 subdivision, okay. Buses for school could
17 not get in in the morning if there was a
18 train going by. Once they finally got in,
19 if another train went by, they couldn't get
20 out to take the kids to school. You'd have
21 to cross the tracks to get the kids to
22 school. Most of the people working in my
23 subdivision cross those tracks to get to
24 work. We'd all be late for work. The kids

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1 would be late for school. The school
2 buses, with those crossing the tracks all
3 the time, are worried about being --
4 crashes of the school buses for those kids.

5 Even kids crossing the tracks, if they're
6 walking across them, we're worried about
7 that.

8 There's no, how do you say,
9 safety period with those trains going by
10 that a kid could play in their back yard.
11 Their back yards are right against the
12 railroad tracks. We can't have fences in
13 our subdivision in Deer Park, so there's no
14 safe time for a child to be in its yard by
15 itself without supervision with 20 trains,
16 a train an hour, going by every day; and
17 these trains are going to be two miles
18 long. Now, that's what they're telling us.
19 How are we going to get through our roads
20 when we have one-lane highways each way.
21 It's going to be backed up for miles in
22 Deer Park and Barrington. They'll close
23 down Barrington completely because the
24 tracks go all around Barrington. So that's

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1 my concern. Everything like that.
2 (End of statement.)

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