

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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8 STATEMENT OF:
9 CHERYL STATHAKIS
10 AUGUST 27, 2008
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1 MS. STATHAKIS: Cheryl, C-H-E-R-Y-L,
2 S-T-A-T-H-A-K-I-S.

3 I am opposed to the CN Railroad
4 coming through our town of Barrington due to

5 mostly safety reasons.

6 Our town is not equipped to handle
7 more train traffic than they already have. We've
8 had three deaths in our community in the last year
9 from high schoolers already, and we don't need any
10 more safety issues.

11 we absolutely have the worse
12 congestion in the area, and it cannot handle any
13 more traffic.

14 The high school is right by the
15 train tracks, our high school is right there.
16 Kids are walking across it all the time.

17 I personally have high schoolers,
18 and it really scares me to know that the
19 additional trains coming through our town could be
20 a threat to anyone's life.

21 Also, I'm concerned about our fire
22 department and all our emergency, fire department,
23 police department, getting through the tracks if
24 there was an emergency. The trains coming through

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1 would delay their response to getting to anybody's
2 emergency.

3 I also want to say that other
4 communities believe and the other areas believe
5 that this will alleviate congestion in their
6 areas, but I don't believe that that's going to
7 alleviate, like the town of Wheeling and the town
8 I've read about, Buffalo Grove, Buffalo Grove and
9 Wheeling, that they believe that this is going to
10 help their town with congestion, and I don't

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11 believe that that will be the case. I think it's
12 under false pretences by the Canadian Railroad.

13 The town of Barrington is not
14 equipped to handle this type of congestion. We
15 don't have any underpasses or overpasses, and it
16 would be extremely costly, it would be extremely
17 costly to the railroad to afford to do this for
18 our town.

19 So we don't have anything like
20 that. I know other towns in other areas have the
21 overpasses, but our town does not.

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