

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:
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1 MR. KARLIN: My name is Gary, G-A-R-Y,
2 Karlin, K-A-R-L-I-N.

3 I live at The Garlands, which is
4 the over fifty-five community in Barrington. I

5 raised all my kids here before I moved to this
6 community for over fifty-five people.
7 we have over two hundred people who
8 are often in need of medical assistance.
9 Fortunately, we have a fire department, EMT, only
10 a block or two away from our facility. But the
11 hospital to get to requires that we cross at least
12 one, if not two, grade crossings for this proposed
13 change. And I can tell you that I have been stuck
14 behind some of these trains that are over a
15 hundred cars long, and it's not fun.
16 Also, I lived in Deerfield at one
17 time and the same railroad problem runs there that
18 they're talking about putting through Barrington.
19 And at that time we had nothing but
20 problems. There were times when I was stuck for
21 thirty minutes, trains going both ways, an
22 accident, train is uncoupled, people could not get
23 through, there were accidents on the trains at the
24 crossing grade areas. So it became a real

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1 problem. Finally, after much fighting by the
2 people from the area of Deerfield at the time,
3 they did do some underpasses and overpasses.
4 But that's not proposed here.
5 These people are trying to change the problems
6 that exist in the other communities where they're
7 passing now to switch it onto this area.
8 They're just changing the people's
9 problem at one place for the people's problem in
10 another.

11 They're not offering to do the
12 necessary expenses to mitigate the problem.

13 I don't think there's any question
14 about the fact that in the end the taxpayers will
15 get stuck and not the railroad.

16 And our taxes in Cook and Lake
17 County here are up to the top of your throat,
18 especially for people who are on a fixed income.

19 And this area has not only young
20 people going to school, I have four grandchildren
21 here who go to the school system here, and they
22 have the buses cross the railroad tracks and
23 they're going to have problems.

24 It does lower property values, and

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1 everybody that lives here now based their
2 valuations and their move here on the existence of
3 the way things are. This is not an improvement to
4 our community.

5 So we need to, as you can see from
6 the turnout here, we need to show our feelings
7 about this and not let Mayor Daley and the
8 political party of Chicago push the problems that
9 exist there onto the people in the suburbs. And
10 that's all this. This is a powerplay.

11 So we need to make our showing and
12 let the people know we're going to be writing
13 letters and doing all the things necessary.

14 we have about fifty people coming
15 here from The Garlands today, many of whom are on
16 walkers, canes, and things like that because

17 they're scared to death of what's going on here
18 with the trains because they're stuck now as it is
19 only a couple times a day, but we know what's
20 going to happen when the trains are a hundred cars
21 long or more and they take forever to go through
22 town.

23 They tie up three crossings all at
24 the same time here in Barrington. So that's not

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1 funny.

2 I just wanted you to know how we
3 feel. Thank you for taking the information.

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