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1 SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN NATIONAL
2 RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE
3 ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
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10 STATEMENT OF:
11 NANCY MARIMELLO
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1 MS. NANCY MARIMELLO: Yes, I have
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2 concerns that it's in Naperville. I don't
3 live near the train track; however, the
4 city of Naperville has been listed as one
5 of the top cities to live in the United
6 States for the last several years, and it
7 fell down to third this last year because
8 there were concerns about the
9 transportation because our city has grown
10 so big that we're now having to do some
11 work with our roads, none of which have
12 anything to do with the EJ&E Railroad
13 problems, the problems this would cause.

14 So to me the transportation
15 issues, the additional air quality issues,
16 the safety issues, the responder issues,
17 everything could be taken into account the
18 next time Naperville is looked at and we
19 would go down lower on the ranking.

20 We are a very highly desirable
21 city to live in and that's reflected in the
22 homes that are being built there, the
23 schools, everything, and this is going to
24 be detrimental to our city. All right.

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1 You can say they're taking a
2 country road and trying to turn it into a
3 major highway without even asking us -- I
4 mean, expecting us to pay for this, for
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5 that; and it's really dumb when someone
6 tries to state that public funds aren't
7 needed for this, which is what Mayor Daley
8 said, because the public funds everything
9 through taxes and fees.

10 And so anything that's having to
11 be spent that CN doesn't pay if they are
12 allowed to do this comes from my pocket,
13 and I don't support their position, that
14 it's taxation without representation, if
15 you want to call it. It's just not, not
16 correct at all. They're going to make
17 money on it. They should be paying for all
18 the costs of whatever they're doing. Okay.

19 I just retired so I no longer
20 have to drive 70 miles round trip every day
21 from my home in Naperville up to Hoffman
22 Estates. For a long time this area has
23 proposed a new Metra line, commuter line
24 that I would be able to take to work if I

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1 was still working up there.

2 The cost of fuel right now
3 has -- had made my trip through June very
4 expensive, so that's money out of my
5 pocket, that's more environmental damage by
6 all the cars going back and forth.

7 We could have the STAR Line. It
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8 would save a lot. It would be good for the
9 area, environmentally-wise and good for the
10 pocketbook of the individual. But this
11 thing is nothing for an individual. It's
12 just all for CN. There's no benefit to
13 people in this area. So I think that's --
14 that's enough.

15 (End of statement.)
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