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9 STATEMENT OF:

10 GAYLON LOUISE GARNER

11 TOMMY GARNER

12 JANUARY 15, 2008
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15 HOLIDAY INN

16 500 HOLIDAY PLAZA DRIVE

17 MATTESON, ILLINOIS

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1 MRS. GARNER: My name is Gaylon Louise
2 Garner. My address is 22023 Sunset Drive. I
3 live in Richton Park. I live not too far from
4 the tracks and when I originally moved in to
5 Richton Park, I was getting ready to retire
6 and I moved for a better life with plans that
7 this is where I was going to be.

8 But now that this is impending upon my
9 quietness as far as the railroad tracks are
10 concerned, I'm concerned about that, as well
11 as the traffic, noise, the vibrations, the --
12 what will be coming through. If there's going
13 to be hazardous waste products coming through,
14 as well as if there would be an increase in
15 rodents and whatever. I'm just concerned
16 about that.

17 My other concern is that since there's
18 a negative feeling about what's happening with
19 the increase of the railroad traffic that
20 people might tend to move out of the south
21 suburbs and here we are working hard.

22 I am a Human Relations Commissioner
23 for Richton Park and we are working hard to
24 bring people together in a diverse community

1 and I think this would be a detrimental thing
2 for our community because more people will
3 move out of the south suburbs further south
4 into Will County, whatever, and even some of
5 the northwest suburbs. So I think this is a
6 really bad project for the south suburbs.

7 My name is Tommy Garner. I live in
8 Richton Park in Meadow Lakes Estates. We are
9 about three, four hundred yards away from the
10 railroad tracks. I'm concerned about the
11 noise, increased noise, the vibration, as well
12 as being able to sleep at night with the train
13 coming by in terms of I don't know how much
14 it's going to blow.

15 The increased traffic crossing Cicero,
16 there's only one access north on Cicero is
17 across that track. Otherwise you have to go
18 west to the expressway or you have to go east
19 all the way to Governor's Highway to get
20 north. So if that's tied up by additional
21 traffic, it's going to be a traffic nightmare
22 on Cicero Avenue right at the entranceway to
23 our subdivision.

24 We will have tremendous problems

1 getting out of the subdivision and getting in
2 because of the tie up.

3 I foresee, as my wife has stated, that
4 the community is going to suffer, the housing
5 value is going to suffer because of the
6 traffic, because of the noise, because of the
7 potential for dangerous materials being
8 transported and having an accident or spill.

9 Also because of of the potential for
10 food products to be transferred, grain that
11 can spill out as the trains go by and cause
12 increase in rodents. I'm very much interested
13 in that as well.

14 So I think that the increase is just a
15 terrible idea. So that's basically my
16 thoughts.

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