

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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9 STATEMENT OF:

10 CINDA PITTMAN
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1 My name is Cinda, C-i-n-d-a,
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2 Pittman, P-i-t-t-m-a-n. 112 Hillshire
3 Drive in Inverness.

4 what I basically would just like
5 to say is of course we would prefer not
6 have this at all, but I think that the port
7 thing is that because Canadian National
8 Railroad stands to make billions of dollars
9 off this sale, this deal, that they should
10 be required to mitigate the situation for
11 the Village of Barrington and other
12 villages as well.

13 And I think that the safety
14 issues of getting back and forth across the
15 railroad tracks with the long trains for
16 the schools, for just our general shopping
17 and certainly for the hospital is huge.

18 I know of at least three
19 crossings that I think that they should pay
20 for complete either underpasses,
21 overpasses, whatever they do.

22 That's what I think -- that is
23 my number one concern, that they take care
24 of that for us. So that even if we have to

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1 live with the noise and the congestion and
2 everything else that's caused, that at
3 least that they should have to mitigate
4 that.

5 And I understand that in the
6 past, over the last hundreds of years, that
7 in the past that communities have kind of
8 done that -- have paid for most of those
9 things themselves.

10 But for them to come in to an
11 already established community like ours
12 with established transportation routes and
13 everything where we have, you know, schools
14 where they are, we have buses for kids, we
15 have a hospital that we have to get to from
16 north to south, and because it's curving
17 through our community, that they should
18 have to pay for this and that -- because
19 they're able to pass this additional cost
20 on to their customers. And with the cost
21 of gas and everything today, their
22 customers will pay it. That's all I want
23 to add.

24 (End of statement.)