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1 SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN NATIONAL
2 RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE ELGIN, JOLIET
3 AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
4 STATEMENT OF:
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1 MR. LEDERER: I feel that our
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2 government should take and buy the EJ&E
3 instead of letting a foreign national
4 company come and buy it and then lease the
5 property, the tracks to the National and
6 charge them rates for using the rail line.
7 They can take the money and use the money
8 that they get from the leasing to pay for
9 underpasses, fences for noise abatement,
10 and all of the problems they're going to
11 have with the smoke and other -- other
12 problems the -- the villages will have.
13 Within, give or take, the next five to 10
14 years, the population out this way is going
15 to more than double and just create more
16 problems; and if we don't take and do
17 something about it now, it will never get
18 done because it will just cost too much.
19 I think it's a shame that our tax
20 dollars have to go into all of the work on
21 these tracks and have a foreign company own
22 them and use them to their extent, however
23 they want to. Eventually if they need to
24 put a second track in, all they'll do is

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1 condemn property so they can put the tracks
2 in. The government will back them up on
3 it.

4 I think we're losing all of our rights
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5 as citizens and not only are we losing
6 them, but we're giving them away. I think
7 it's time that we start getting our country
8 back, and our citizens are the ones that
9 are going to have to take it back.
10 Hopefully, all our citizens will get out
11 and vote and vote for the people that will
12 do them the most good, rather than the
13 parties that aren't helping them at all.

14 And that's about all I have to say at
15 this point.

16 (End of statement.)
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