

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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STATEMENT OF:

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LORI WATKINS

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AUGUST 27, 2008

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BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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616 MAIN STREET

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BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS

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2 West Cuba Road, Barrington. All I want to say
3 is we are definitely against it. The primary
4 cause is for health, safety, the ambulances,
5 fire department. I mean, we are stranded
6 without these people if our house catches on
7 fire, if something happens to one of the kids,
8 we can't get them to a hospital, medical
9 facility. So that's our number one reason to
10 be so against it.

11 Obviously, traffic congestion is a
12 huge factor. It is going to be unpredictable.
13 It is ridiculous, it takes 20 minutes or so to
14 get to the high school in the morning. It's a
15 three-minute drive and it will be
16 unpredictable. It will be an hour. So,
17 obviously, that's the second factor.

18 So we are definitely against it. I
19 hope we can make a difference by, you know,
20 telling you how I feel and I oppose it.

21 Canadian National is such a powerful
22 organization. We are just here to try to make
23 a difference and, hopefully, we can fight them
24 back.