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9 STATEMENT OF:

10 JANICE HERNON

11 JANUARY 17, 2008  
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14 ST. ANDREWS GOLF CLUB

15 3 N 441 ROUTE 59

16 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
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1 MRS. HERNON: My name is Janice Hernon.  
2 J-A-N-I-C-E H-E-R-N-O-N. I live at 1924  
3 Butler Drive, B-U-T-L-E-R in the West Ridge  
4 Subdivision of Bartlett. I have lived there  
5 for eight years and I am opposed to anything  
6 that would result in additional rail traffic  
7 on the subject rail line because of the  
8 negative impacts that I think would result to  
9 the environment, to public safety, to property  
10 values.

11 Specifically, my concerns are related  
12 to additional pollution that would result in  
13 the area because the area right now is very  
14 heavily impacted by truck traffic. There are  
15 unpaved side roads, the shoulder of West  
16 Bartlett Road is unpaved so whenever trucks  
17 are coming and leaving West Bartlett Road,  
18 they kick up huge clouds of dust that cause  
19 pollution and obstruct visibility.

20 I've complained about this to the IEPA  
21 and was told by the IEPA that one of the  
22 companies was cited for not having adequate  
23 control measures for dust and I'm concerned  
24 that the additional pollution that would be

1 generated by the additional diesel engines  
2 would further complicate and worsen the air  
3 pollution in the area.

4 I'm concerned about the additional  
5 hazardous materials that would be going  
6 through there and the possibility of something  
7 really bad happening should there be an  
8 accident.

9 I think that while, in fact, we don't  
10 want this in our back yard, it's not so much  
11 because we don't want anything in our back  
12 yard, it's because we have a lot in our back  
13 yard right now. I think it would be unfair to  
14 ask us to shoulder an additional burden of  
15 having this increased rail traffic now on top  
16 of everything else we have with, I think,  
17 waste transfer station, gravel mining, deep  
18 tunnel mining and blasting and truck traffic  
19 that's now generated.

20 So I think this would be an additional  
21 thing we shouldn't have to shoulder. I'm  
22 concerned about school buses, not only on West  
23 Bartlett Road but all over that part and  
24 stopping and waiting for the additional

1 traffic that's going to be generated and all  
2 the kids that are going to be held up in  
3 school buses.

4 We have the Peaker plant, too, which  
5 is something that's just a power generating  
6 plant. It runs on natural gas but it has huge  
7 oil storage tanks and wonderful impacts there.  
8 It seems like I'm always missing the main  
9 point.

10 I think those are basically my  
11 concerns. And if for some reason the thing  
12 that we don't want to happen happens, if  
13 that -- if these things were -- but say the  
14 sale should go through, I think the minimum,  
15 the least thing that should be done is there  
16 should be an overpass on West Bartlett Road or  
17 underpass.

18 Right now they are building a new fire  
19 station just on the other side of the tracks  
20 from our subdivision, so what good does this  
21 fire station do if the trains are going to be  
22 stuck and it will take some time for the South  
23 Elgin Fire Protection Service to be mobilized  
24 to come over to where we are if that should

1    happen.

2               So I think an underpass or overpass is  
3    really the minimum thing that should happen.

4               Also it would be good if there could  
5    be some signaling device for people who are  
6    approaching this area to let them know the  
7    crossing gate is down and take an alternate  
8    route.

9               Right now there is no alternate route.  
10   If you get stuck there, you are stuck there.  
11   I've told a lot of people here tonight the  
12   crossing gate came down accidentally. I was  
13   stuck for an hour and 20 minutes on this  
14   little section before I complained and got a  
15   response.

16              Anyway, I think there needs to be  
17   something that tells motorists gates are down,  
18   go another route before they get into the  
19   point where they can't turn around or can't  
20   take another route. I think that's it.

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