

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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PEGGY MOSTON

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BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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616 WEST MAIN STREET

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BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS

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1 MS. MOSTON: First name is Peggy, last
2 name is M-O-S-T-O-N, Moston.

3 Obvious concerns are by looking at
4 the DEIS study saying that Barrington has only one

5 substantially impacted crossing at Route 59, we
6 feel that if they had really done the study they
7 would have seen that the Lake-Cook Road crossing
8 and the Route 14 crossing are both extremely
9 dangerous, heavy traffic patterns, major school
10 crossings for buses and ambulances to access and
11 fire trucks to access parts of our town and also
12 to have ability to get to the local hospital.

13 The obvious answer that eight
14 hundred buses cross those train tracks every day
15 for our schools and that's going to quadruple in
16 the beginning. If freight trains are going
17 through, it will be difficult at best to get our
18 children to school on time.

19 You're taking away the ability for
20 us to start our school on time and to get our
21 children home. Not to mention safety.

22 When I mentioned that these backups
23 are much more serious than they understand, the
24 Lake-Cook crossing backs up all the way to the

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1 corner of Route 59 and Lake-Cook Road, which again
2 is when you double, it's a double cross. A long
3 train at the same time will be on Route 59 and on
4 Lake-Cook Road. The backups are unbelievable.

5 Traffic aside, back to safety.
6 School buses, emergency vehicles, this is
7 incredibly limiting. We will be in a safety hole.
8 We will have no access to emergency equipment and
9 medical care literally based on timing of the
10 trains.

11 And they're considering one of
12 those crossings a safety issue? I find it
13 impossible to believe that if they truly studied
14 this they would find that that was the truth.

15 I have completely loss faith in
16 this STB process and what they're doing. It's not
17 possible. We have not seen people doing studies.
18 I would like to know exactly how it was done.

19 In this town we're here every day.
20 I have not seen, I don't know how it's being done.
21 But, again, I have very little confidence that
22 this was done correctly when the decision was
23 already made up.

24 Unfortunately, we are the town

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1 that's hit the heaviest by this. We realize that
2 we're unusual that this train crosses our tracks
3 five, four crucial times for our town.

4 who's going to help us? And what
5 are they going to do in five years when they see
6 that literally people are dying, houses are
7 burning down, school buses are having issues, what
8 are they going to do then? What's the federal
9 government going to do for us then? And I'm sure
10 we know the answer. Absolutely nothing.

11 Nobody could afford to build us
12 these grade crossings we need. Nobody. The state
13 doesn't have the money, our city doesn't have the
14 money.

15 The railroad who's getting such a
16 bargain on this railroad track, what are they

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17 going to give us? what's in it for us? Something
18 has to be done.
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