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SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN NATIONAL
RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE ELGIN, JOLIET,
AND EASTER RAILWAY COMPANY

STATEMENT OF
PATTI FAHEY
August 27, 2008

BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
616 WEST MAIN STREET
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1 My name is Patty Fahey. I live
2 at the crossing of the EJ&E line and Otus
3 Road. There are nine houses on our road,
4 nine front the tracks along with three
5 others. The nine homes on our road have
6 already experienced a gross drop in value
7 based on even the suspicion that CN will be
8 running 20 plus trains per day. A house
9 that was listed for a million three is
10 already down to 865, and this hasn't even
11 gone through. So my home, which used to
12 have two to three trains go by a day, it's
13 now virtually unsellable even if I wanted
14 to move away from the train. It is also
15 your principal asset. So in terms of the
16 impacts to individual families in the
17 village, my situation will be typical of
18 anywhere that is near the crossings and
19 this is already the impact.

20 Please reconsider allowing the CN
21 to purchase the EJ&E line for the good of
22 Barrington, for the good of property owners

23 that did not choose this when they moved
24 here and away from the City of Chicago

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1 where the trains currently live now. It's
2 one thing if you know what you're choosing.
3 It's another thing if the game is changed
4 when you're ten years into the plan.

5 In addition, I have three
6 children that are in the school districts
7 and they travel the buses to and from
8 school. Our buses cross the tracks 820
9 times per day. That's right next to my
10 property as well. So I see already the
11 delays that there are with the regular EJ&E
12 line trains. To think of 2-mile-plus-long
13 trains per day, that means kids are late to
14 school, that means kids are rushing to get
15 in front of trains rather than being late
16 because they're going to be behind a train
17 and have to wait. That means safety and
18 death to young kids, whether they're an
19 ambulance or on foot.

20 So please reconsider based on those two
21 impacts. Thank you

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