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2 RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE  
3 ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY  
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10 STATEMENT OF:  
11 ELIZABETH WEYER  
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1 MS. ELIZABETH WEYER: My first  
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2 concern or my first statement is I don't  
3 think any public money should be used for  
4 the railroad. It's privately owned. It  
5 should be the government and Canadian  
6 Central.

7 Secondly, I get up at 2:30 in  
8 the morning. I now have trains that wake  
9 me up with whistling and the chuckity,  
10 chuckity, chuckity, chuck down the track.  
11 I can't get back to sleep.

12 Now I'm going to have one, after  
13 the other, after the other, after the other  
14 and my house is right next to the tracks,  
15 which is what this gentleman just told me.  
16 So that's number two. And that infuriates  
17 me.

18 My other concern is the time  
19 that it's going to take when the train  
20 comes by. I am told it could be anywhere  
21 from a block to a mile long.

22 In the morning -- I'm fortunate  
23 I won't be going that way, but there are  
24 times like when I went to the hospital a

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1 couple weeks ago, I was stuck waiting for  
2 the train.

3 Now, if I had somebody in my car  
4 that needed to get to the emergency room,  
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5 as I had to do a couple months before when  
6 I slit my hand open, you're sitting there  
7 waiting for that darn train to go by. That  
8 is the major concern.

9 Plus you're sitting in the car,  
10 you're idling, you're angry, you've got  
11 pollution everywhere, and the cost of gas  
12 today, you can't be doing that.

13 We can't be sitting there  
14 waiting for a train that could be a block  
15 to a mile long. It's ridiculous. And to  
16 think that we should have to pay for the  
17 upgrades to pass -- the overpasses or  
18 underpasses is ridiculous, absolutely  
19 ridiculous.

20 I am not for this. I'll be  
21 very -- I'm sure it's already gone through.  
22 It's just a matter of them listening to our  
23 complaints, but the noise is going to be --  
24 particularly at night, is going to be

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1 unbearable.

2 And that's about really all I  
3 have to say, other than the fact that I  
4 think a lot of people are going to get  
5 killed because they're going to be late for  
6 work, they're going to try and beat that  
7 train.

8                   And unless somebody is going to  
9                   give us a route where all the under and  
10                  overpasses are, and even with that, trains  
11                  are late. How can you possibly -- how can  
12                  this possibly work in the morning for  
13                  people going and coming home from work?  
14                  It's ridiculous.

15                  (End of of statement.)