

1 SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN NATIONAL  
2 RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE ELGIN, JOLIET  
3 AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY  
4 STATEMENT OF:  
5 MORGAN McDONNELL  
6 AUGUST 28, 2008  
7 BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL  
8 701 SCHICK ROAD  
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1 MR. McDONNELL: I'm here today to  
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2 appeal to the -- to the board of serious,  
3 untenable concerns that exist with the  
4 proposed acquisition of the EJ&E by the CN  
5 Railroad. I live in Wayne, Illinois, a  
6 quarter of a mile west of -- of the -- on  
7 Army Trail Road from the proposed CN  
8 location. The -- Wayne has no fire  
9 hydrants nor public water system, and any  
10 fire that exists in our community has to be  
11 -- water has to be brought by fire trucks.

12 Several years ago the house next to me  
13 caught fire on Christmas Eve and burned to  
14 the ground. Unfortunately, the response  
15 time from the adjacent communities, which  
16 include Bartlett, were handicapped; and  
17 that result was devastating. Ambulance and  
18 police traffic and patrols would be  
19 seriously hampered by this acquisition and  
20 the increase -- substantial increase in  
21 traffic -- rail traffic.

22 The air pollution and the  
23 environmental dangers would be substantial.  
24 The Wayne school exists less than an eighth

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1 of a mile from the Army Trail Road  
2 crossing; and with 600 students, the  
3 potential dangers and lack of response time  
4 for emergencies could be very serious. I

5 ask that this be taken into consideration.

6 (End of statement.)

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