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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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9 STATEMENT OF:

10 TOM ELMORE
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12 SEPTEMBER 9, 2008
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1 MR. ELMORE: My name is Tom Elmore.
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2 I live in Aurora, Illinois, and I reference
3 two comments. One, I'm in favor of bill HR
4 6707, and support it to be passed by
5 national legislature.

6 Second, I am against the
7 Canadian National acquisition of EJ&E
8 railroad for the following reasons: The
9 biggest thing is that the purchase of an
10 American company by a Canadian public
11 company did no assessment on the tax impact
12 or investment by American citizens to
13 mitigate funds needed at 122 at-grade
14 crossings in the area surrounding Aurora.

15 Also the economic impact did not
16 take into consideration the conclusion
17 relating to the interference of the
18 Canadian National railroad activities with
19 all their railroads and commuter services,
20 in particular the Starline which was
21 anticipated to be up and running within the
22 next couple years. It does not appear that
23 Canadian National has any plans for that
24 planned railroad, which is a positive

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1 method to get to and from O'Hare Airport
2 from this area of the state.

3 The increase in freight, which
4 we anticipate for what I've heard to be

5 four times, will be very disruptive to a
6 number of railroad crossings in my area.
7 Diehl Road, Liberty Street, and Ogden
8 Avenue would be negatively impacted when
9 trying to get from the east side of Aurora
10 to anything east of Eola Road by these two
11 or three avenues. This includes personal
12 travel to and from the railroad stations
13 for commuter service as well as school
14 buses, emergency vehicles and the like.

15 Also I think there will be an
16 increased fuel usage for commuters having
17 to wait for the additional freight trains
18 going through the at-grade crossings in the
19 area. Additionally, the increase in
20 traffic will also increase the amount of
21 noise factors related in our area. We
22 currently have a large number of at-grade
23 crossings in which we have large train
24 whistles 24/7. This would be four times as

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1 many now which is necessary because we have
2 some people in the state of Illinois like
3 to race trains, and the train's always
4 going to win. It would be nice not to have
5 the noise factor. That's my statement.

6 (End of statement.)

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