

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 LEE CRUM
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12 AUGUST 27, 2008
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1 I live in the Hoffman Estates
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2 neighborhood, on the west side nearest
3 forest preserve.

4 My name is Lee, L-e-e, Crum,
5 C-r-u-m.

6 My largest concern is my son's
7 grade school goes up against the railroad
8 track.

9 In addition, the 24 trains and
10 the extended sizes to an exposed -- at Shoe
11 Factory Road to an exposed railroad track
12 is a concern to me. We've already had one
13 death by someone that was struck by that
14 train; a child on a bicycle in that area.
15 It is pretty much an unprotected
16 intersection. It would -- with it being a
17 school there, they need to build an
18 overpass over Shoe Factory Road, and I
19 don't have a feeling that that's the
20 intention of CN, or CN Railway.

21 I understood it would be quite a
22 cost, but it's a large public school with a
23 lot of children. It's a high growth area.
24 I think there is some serious concerns with

1 that.

2 The other thing is I bought the
3 home with the understanding that there was
4 going to be a light rail that was going to
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5 be on there, not a heavy-traveled
6 industrial railway.

7 The concern -- and I heard CN's
8 response that, well, right now, the urban
9 locations are facing the same thing, but
10 it's a low speed. There are trains
11 traveling through the city of Chicago are
12 traveling at an average of 15 to 20 miles
13 an hour is my understanding versus the 50
14 to 60 miles an hour I witness in the late
15 nights. So that was a concern.

16 Also, too, there is the -- there
17 are two major hospitals that are accessed
18 by Golf Road and also by Shoe Factory Road.
19 I'm concerned about emergency vehicles and
20 their ability to access that without having
21 overpasses and being able to get there
22 quickly.

23 I understand that this is
24 heavily funded and there is a lot of money

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1 used by lobbyists from CN Railway, and I'm
2 concerned about honest government advocacy
3 versus just lobbyists -- just the
4 government appeal to lobbyists in order to
5 make this go through.

6 CN is making money regardless.
7 It is some productivity issues on their

8 part. I just don't think that that's a
9 viable reason to put large -- a lot of
10 communities at risk without any
11 infrastructure changes.

12 (End of statement.)

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