

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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7 STATEMENT OF:
8 RICHARD HIMES
9 SEPTEMBER 9, 2008
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1 MR. HIMES: I'm tired of people
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2 digging in everybody's pockets to support
3 their habits, okay? They have problems
4 they can't afford, then they don't have
5 the problem, they don't do it. But I'm
6 going to sit there and pay for somebody
7 else's mandated money expenses when I
8 could use a new car, but they don't buy
9 me a car because I need a new car. I
10 gotta buy their trains? I gotta buy
11 their crossings? I gotta buy this? I
12 gotta pay for that? I gotta pay for
13 that? Nobody is paying for my stuff.
14 Let the railroad pay for driving my car
15 down the street. Let the railroad fill
16 my gas tank. I mean, that's what they're
17 telling us to do. Well, we need a new
18 car, so let's just charge the public and
19 get a new car. You know, it's not public
20 transportation they're putting here, this
21 is freight trains. Okay? So let the
22 freight people pay for it.

23 And, again, we don't need this
24 nonsense in town with mile-long trains to

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1 plug up our streets and then to create
2 havoc with railroad crossings and more
3 people getting hurt and killed by trains
4 because the gates are down, so on and so
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5 forth, you know, you have a problem with
6 people crossing railroads and if trains
7 come and the gate doesn't go down,
8 somebody gets hit by a train, they're
9 done.

10 The biggest factor is digging in
11 the public's pocket to bail them out of
12 trouble, and that's wrong.

13 (END OF STATEMENT.)

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