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14 HOLIDAY INN

15 500 HOLIDAY PLAZA DRIVE

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1 MRS. GALLOWAY: Deborah Galloway.

2 Number one, the train should not go more than
3 fifteen miles an hour coming up to Cicero.
4 And no radioactive materials should be
5 hauled.

6 They need to install either a
7 concrete barrier, an underground passageway
8 or overhead passageway. The property that
9 the train passes through, some of the
10 exposures are tornadoes -- subject to tornado
11 currently, subject to flood.

12 We would also like to know will they
13 be willing to work with our community in
14 emergency management, for example, should
15 there been a derailment. I'm dead anyway,
16 because my house is right there.

17 I'm so close when I wave at the
18 engineer, he waves back. But in case there's
19 some type of hazardous spill or derailment in
20 which parts of the train may break away, will
21 the railroad be willing to work with our
22 community, Richton Park, for a disaster plan,
23 evacuation plan.

24 Will they also be willing to make

1 some type of compensation for structural
2 damage to the properties such as the concrete
3 foundations.

4 I'm not saying immediately but given
5 within say maybe the fifth year of increased
6 operation, like every five years, or have an
7 inspector come out providing inspections of
8 these properties that abut the tracks to
9 determine if there's been foundation damage
10 to that home.

11 And other concrete areas such as
12 driveways, walkways. It's all affected.
13 Chimneys.

14 Will they continue to maintain the
15 foilage around the tracks as they currently
16 are doing? They do have people that come out
17 and keep the grass level, you know, so the
18 foilage doesn't get too high.

19 Will they participate in pesticide --
20 insect control such as mosquito controls,
21 mosquito abatement. Will they participate in
22 that? Will they continue to use the property
23 as a switching yard?

24 By my property, they use it as a

1 switching yard, which is really loud,
2 coupling and uncoupling. And I think I've
3 just about gone through everything. I can't
4 think of anything else.

5 I've been concerned all along about
6 what those trains are hauling and if they are
7 carrying ammonia or different types of
8 chemicals, pollutant chemicals. If anything
9 were to happen, we wouldn't stand a chance.

10 I don't lay awake at night worrying
11 about it but I pray a lot. It's very -- I've
12 never lived that close to such an exposure.
13 And I can't sell my house, not with 26 trains
14 coming by every day. That's another issue,
15 my real estate value.