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SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN
NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE
ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

STATEMENT OF:
JEANETTE KREUZ
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HOLIDAY INN
500 HOLIDAY PLAZA DRIVE
MATTESON, ILLINOIS

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And our comment is that it will -- that adding more trains will impede the transportation of our children to and from school safely in a short amount of time. We have a one-hour window of time that those students need to be on the bus, and adding that kind of time, plus picking up the students, will not only impact the students getting to school in a timely fashion, as well as adding additional funds to a very stretched budget as it is because we'll have to add additional buses, which means that not only will it impact us but it will impact the high school, and it will impact the school districts around us because we chain -- we daisy-chain those buses, and there's not enough buses to begin with.

So right now we have 17 bus routes coming into that area. So that's quite a large impact on that area of the community, which would be off of Western Avenue in Park Forest, Chicago Heights.
How's that?