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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:

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1 M-a-z-u-r-k-i-d-w-i-c-z, Donna.
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2 I live at 260 Rosehall Drive in Lake
3 Zurich, in Concord Village. We have
4 approximately 250 houses, townhomes, and
5 villas there in a matter of a
6 five-square-block area. I have pictures
7 outside -- I was not allowed to bring them
8 in -- showing where I live. I live in the
9 back units of Concord Village units, no
10 more than 50 feet or less from the train
11 track.

12 I'm so worried. That I have
13 known that CN does not have a good safety
14 record in Canada, I worry about this. That
15 this train will derail and all hazardous
16 materials will be in my front yard, my
17 front door.

18 Congestion: Already a problem
19 on Route 12 to get around, and we do not
20 have alternate streets close by to try to
21 get around the traffic, as other areas in
22 the city do have alternate streets. We
23 have courts, other things, dead-end roads.
24 It is not feasible to get around these

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1 intersections.

2 If you have to go to the train
3 station in Barrington, which we do have to
4 in Lake Zurich to go on the transportation
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5 to get to Chicago by Metra, we're on Route
6 12 going west. You need to turn left on
7 Elia Road to get to Lake Cook to get to the
8 train. Woops; EJ&E train track crosses
9 right over -- right on the road. Traffic
10 then begins to back up on Route 12. You
11 cannot go.

12 During construction for
13 two years on Route 12 and Route 22
14 connection, it was impossible to get around
15 the town. People were going to other areas
16 to purchase goods. Yes, several businesses
17 went out. Chamber of commerce offered
18 \$50 rebates if people would spend \$500 at
19 the local businesses that were being
20 impacted by the construction.

21 This will happen again if CN
22 goes on this track, as we'll have to have
23 construction again. How is this going to
24 help our economics? Not ours, but big

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1 business will. Not in America, though, but
2 Canada and China and other Asian countries
3 who will be transporting major goods in
4 containers and double containers; hazardous
5 materials, et cetera.

6 Trains two miles long will
7 quadruple what we now have in train travel.

8 Yes, CN says that 60 percent of the people
9 along the present line will have less
10 traffic than 40 percent of us, the
11 people -- the 40 percent of the people who
12 will inherit the congestion. I thought all
13 of us had equal rights.

14 Also, when the track that is not
15 -- that CN is presently using is not using
16 it as much, someone else is going to take
17 up the slack of that traffic on. So nobody
18 wins.

19 who is better off? Both lines
20 are going to be used. So the 40 percent of
21 those people who think they're going to
22 have it better with traffic are going to
23 wind up maybe with more. Everybody does
24 not win.

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1 we the people -- not taking this
2 from Hillary, but I wrote this last week --
3 want to be able to have emergency
4 protection to get to as soon as possible to
5 save lives; my family, friends, neighbors,
6 and myself. The way our roads are now,
7 this cannot be done.

8 So in the meantime, if this goes
9 through, it will take about five to ten
10 years to get the underpasses completed.

11 How many lives will have been taken by that
12 time?

13 We the people, for those of us
14 who still have a job and has not yet lost
15 theirs to Asia, would like to get to work
16 on time. It is trying now and will only
17 get worse if this transaction happens.

18 Economics: Again, CN is not
19 willing to give us enough money to take
20 care of the infrastructure to make this
21 work. I know counties would have to pay.
22 I'm already paying enough to taxes, and the
23 counties get money for transportation from
24 the state of Illinois.

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1 The State of Illinois does not
2 have enough money to even take care of
3 other major problems; police, regional
4 commuter transportation, the poor, and
5 those who are mentally challenged who are
6 in state homes which are facing major
7 problems now getting money from the state
8 to keep them open.
9 Change: Help us little people.
10 Don't let big business get their way again
11 and again with their prosperity and not
12 thinking about the majority of the people
13 who make up this country. This is not good
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14 economics for Illinois.

15 We the people, who we understand
16 our problems we are incurring every day
17 trying to get around just to get to work
18 and our kids to school. Then, I got here,
19 I was 25 minutes late from Lake Zurich
20 because of rush hour.

21 Like I said, I live right behind
22 the tracks. It's just one total mess.
23 When people are trying to avoid Route 12,
24 they're coming through our residential area

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1 off of bypass 22 to get to 12. They don't
2 want to get on 12. Therefore, the
3 residential area has an excessive amount of
4 traffic, and people are not adhering to the
5 25 miles.

6 At 4:00 o'clock I was getting
7 off of 53 expressway to get to my home in
8 Lake Zurich on Route 12. I knew that there
9 was construction going on between Lake Cook
10 and Dundee, so therefore I got off at 53
11 and Dundee Road.

12 I get to Route 12, Route 12 is
13 backed up because everybody else is doing
14 the same thing. Okay, can't get anywhere
15 on Route 12. Find other ways to get home,
16 get home late, try to get here, got stuck

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17 in traffic on Lake Cook Road and Ela Road
18 to get over here. Could not be done. So
19 between 4:00 o'clock and 6:30, all I
20 accomplished from Dundee Road and Route 12
21 was to get to my home in Lake Zurich and
22 get to Barrington High School.

23 (End of statement.)

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