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

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STATEMENT OF:

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COLIN MALIA

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AUGUST 27, 2008

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BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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616 WEST MAIN STREET

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BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS

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MR. MALIA: Colin Malia, I'm from
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2 Barrington, Illinois. I don't think the CN
3 should buy the railroad because they'll be
4 sending 20 freight trains through a day,
5 and that can be a real hassle for every one
6 because we have a lot of practices we have
7 to go to, and all the freight trains will
8 congest everything; and we won't be able to
9 get to practices on time. And sports are a
10 big thing for us, so not getting to
11 practice on time, it can be very bad for
12 us.

13 Also it might cause us to get to
14 school late or something like that, the
15 buses will be slower; and if you're late in
16 middle school, you can get like detentions
17 and stuff, and it can be bad because you'll
18 miss something or something bad will happen
19 and you'll be behind for the whole
20 semester.

21 Also my brother has a lot of
22 life-threatening food allergies. If he has
23 a bad allergic reaction, he can -- and we
24 need medical assistance to get to our

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1 house, if they can't get there in time, he
2 can possibly die or it could get more
3 severe, and he might not be able to come
4 out of it as fast as he might. It would be
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5 very important for him to make a recovery;
6 and anything that happens to him, I know
7 our family wouldn't be happy, and we just
8 -- like all the trains and everything, it
9 would just be really annoying anywhere we
10 try to go, because we have so many places
11 to go. Like we go to the grocery store and
12 everything every day, every week, like
13 every week, one day a week; and it will
14 take so much more of our time, and we won't
15 have as much time to see our family or
16 anything because if we're trying to get
17 home in a rush, we won't be home on time;
18 and if my parents go out somewhere and need
19 to be home by a certain time and for
20 practicality also, they won't be there on
21 time. So it's just not good for them to be
22 sending a lot of freight trains through.

(End of statement.)

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