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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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1 MS. ROGERS: Caroline Rogers. I'm
2 one of the council members in the city of Gary.
3 I represent the 4th District.

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4 Okay. And basically I was hoping

5 that this meeting was a little bit more detailed
6 as it relates to information where residents can
7 come out and not only hear from representatives
8 of the company but also to have a question and
9 answer period. And I understand after speaking
10 with some of the individuals here that this is
11 actually gathering of information.

12 I would strongly suggest that after
13 the draft is prepared that they come back into
14 the city of Gary, explain everything that will be
15 happening and give residents an understanding of
16 what exactly will take place, how it will affect
17 the city of Gary and to answer any questions.

18 Some of my concerns are I have a
19 medical waste facility in my district and that's
20 something that I have been fighting against for
21 many, many years where they are actually
22 processing and transporting waste.

23 I'm also taking into consideration
24 our environment as it relates to the many health

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1 issues that are affected by many of the steel
2 mills here. And now we're talking about a
3 company that is hoping to purchase EJ&E Railroad
4 and there could be the potential to transport
5 hazardous materials through the city of Gary and
6 I have a concern with that.

7 I have concerns with the number of
8 trains that will be going through the city of
9 Gary. I think that will affect the emergency

10 vehicles. It will affect our school busses. It
11 will affect the residents as a whole as it
12 relates to getting to and from work and taking
13 care of the business that we take care of on a
14 daily basis.

15 And the spill. If there's a spill,
16 how will we handle that. Yes. We have a fire
17 department. We have a police department that
18 respond to emergencies. But will we get any
19 financial assistance from the new company that
20 takes over EJ&E Railroad. Will they be able to
21 disperse members out to assist, exactly what will
22 happen if there is a spill in the community.
23 would there be a plan in place prior to that
24 everyone will follow, et cetera.

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1 So those are just a few of the
2 concerns that I have as a council member here in
3 the city. And again I would just strongly
4 suggest that they do come back out in order to
5 give the community more information and to make
6 sure that the community understands what will
7 happen and for a question and answer period.

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