

MR. KENNEY: I am sorry. Thanks. I am
Jon Kenney with Chesapeake Climate Action Network and our
address -- do you want us to state the address right now?

THE HEARING OFFICER: Yes, please.

MR. KENNEY: Our address is

Tacoma Park, Maryland. The Chesapeake
Climate Action Network is the biggest and oldest grass roots
organization dedicated to fighting climate change in
Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. It is a powerful
movement to stop dangerous and explosive crude oil trains
that run through Baltimore and oppose any effort to make it
easier for crude oil trains to travel into the city. That's
why we are opposed to Alternatives 3A, 3B, and 3C on the
Draft Environmental Impact Assessment to the B&P Tunnel
Project. Oil train traffic has grown by 4,000 percent in
the past six years, and, in Maryland, oil trains are a
growing danger to communities near rail lines. Hence,
Baltimore, in particular. The oil industry is targeting
Baltimore with this large and centrally located port as a
gateway to ship crude oil to east coast refineries or
exporting crude oil worldwide. When accidents happen, the
human and environmental impacts are costly. The deadliest
oil train explosion occurred in July of 2013 in

Lac-Megantic, Quebec. 20 crude oil trains derailed and exploded killing 47 people and flattening 30 buildings.

In April of 2014, 10 new tank cars carrying crude oil derailed and exploded in Lynchburg, Virginia spilling about 30,000 gallons of crude oil and setting the James River on fire for two hours. Since January, 2015, five trains have derailed and exploded across North America. We approve these tunnel because their construction could encourage and incentivize more crude oil train traffic through the city. We need to be looking for ways to incentivize renewable energy and not compromise our security and climate so the oil industry can continue to profit. We also support efforts to modernize trains as an all electric fleet to reduce air pollution and the toll diesel freight has on the climate. Thank you for your time and your consideration.