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Surface Transportation Board
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Several years ago my seventeen year old daughter was involved in a car accident on Saul Trail east of the crossing. The paramedics were called immediately and were able to reach her by traveling east on Nebraska to Center Road to east on Sauk Trail. If a train had been coming, and no doubt one would have with the proposed schedule, the paramedics would have had to travel from Nebraska, south on Rt. 45 to east on Laraway Rd. to North on Harlem to west on Saul Trail. She had to be cut out of the car. The difference in time, at least five minutes more would mean that she would have been without oxygen for at least five more minutes. If you know anything about brains you would know that she would currently be in a vegetative state or severely handicapped if not dead rather than having recovered after two months in a coma with minor issues.

Our community should not be put at risk because the service resulting from the changes proposed does not provide any kind of emergency needs. The service can be provided by the development of tracks in areas that would not be put at risk. Do you want to answer to a parent when this happens to their child? Would you want your children put at this kind of risk for a company's bottom line?

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