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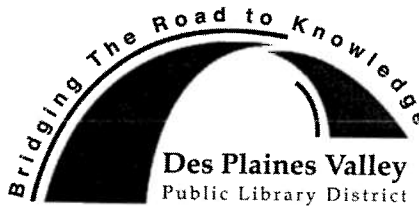
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January 31, 2008

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

On behalf of the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District, I am writing to you to share our concerns regarding the impact of your plans to increase train traffic through Crest Hill, Illinois. The recent and rapid increase in our district's population has lead to planning for new libraries to be constructed in the three communities of Crest Hill, Lockport, and Romeoville. Your train crossing in Crest Hill at Caton Farm Rd. (near Oakland Ave.) is nearly adjacent to the site of our future Crest Hill Library.

It is our feeling that the proposed increase in train traffic at that crossing will severely and negatively impact the business of our library. I am unsure if you are aware of this fact or not, but plans have already been developed at the state level to connect Caton Farm Rd. to Bruce Rd. (in Lockport) by constructing a new bridge across the Des Plaines River. This will make Caton Farm Rd. a major east-west thoroughfare in this portion of Will County.

Our new library site was selected based upon this easy accessibility from a major road and its centralized location within the city of Crest Hill. Cutting that road in two nearly fifty times per day with 10,000 foot trains will make accessing our library a nightmare for residents.

I implore you to either reconsider increasing the train traffic on this line, or to install a change of grade crossing so that automobile traffic will not be interrupted by your trains. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Scott E. Pointon
Director

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