

I live in a house on the south side of the family farm where the railroad is to bisect it. My emotionally and mentally handicapped adult daughter, who lives with me, cannot drive but has a three-wheeled bike that she can ride down the road to the farm home where her uncle lives. Unfortunately, she probably will not be able to do that if the railroad comes through since she would have to cross a dangerous crossing.

Another concern that I have is the drainage. Because there is so many drainage tiles in the fields, some of which the farmers probably do not know about, the railroad will cut these and not even know about it. Later, when farm fields become wet lands, the farmer is going to have to pay for it. In addition, who is going to pay for all the irrigation fields that will be bisected and making the irrigation worthless?

Also, I am very concerned about my well. I live about 8 miles from city water. If there is a chemical spill and my well is contaminated, I will not be able to get clean water to use.

I also live near 2000 year-old Hopewell Indian burial mounds. I, as well as many native American Indians, would be very upset if these mounds were disturbed.

Another concern is regarding the Boone Grove Middle and Elementary Schools. The railroad would isolate the schools from over 90% of the township where all students grades 4-8 would have to come. In addition all busses for grades k-12 are housed next to the schools and they would have to cross these dangerous crossings numerous times. As a former teacher at the middle school, this concerns me greatly.