

May 11, 2016

To Whom it Concerns:

It has been brought to our attention the high possibility of a railroad coming through our community. This brings much concern to us, as it will significantly affect our community, and more importantly our families.

The land which the railroad will lie is an area where wildlife run, our children play, and our crops are grown. It is a heartbreak to learn that this prosperous land will be forsaken.

Not only is there a safety concern involved, but the idea that we would be sacrificing our livelihoods, and lifestyle is something we are not prepared to give up. These are the acres that farmers and their families have farmed, loved and thrived on for years, and the fact that the tracks are to come directly through this property is unfathomable.

The noise is also of great worry. I understand that there is no plan to have the whistle blowing, however, if there is no whistle blowing and the train is coming at 70mph, isn't that yet another safety concern? It is nearly impossible to hold a conversation while a train is passing through, regardless of a whistle or not.

In our rural community neighbors walk, ride bikes and jog, many times with their children. How is it possible to do this safely when there are trains passing through at all hours of the day? How will we be able to get a normal night sleep? Do homework uninterrupted? I am a night shifter so sleeping during the day is also concerning.

There are many things which will be affected if we have trains running so near to our home. Please be considerate. This is our home. These are our families. Our fields. Our joy comes from this land.

Sincerely,

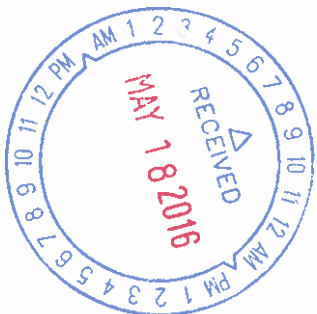
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