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Dear Cynthia Brown,

I live in the small town of Buena Vista. A huge part of our money is made on tourism, like most of the small mountain towns of Colorado. The proposed opening of the Tennessee Pass Railway would go through many towns that rely on tourists as well. It would be devastating to any of these towns if there was a crude oil spill, derailment, or accident that went into the river or river ground areas for multiple reasons and I am sure you have heard of them by many others that are concerned like myself. From gold metal fishing waters to rafting companies and kayakers, it would impact so many people. The Arkansas River is the most rafted river in the country and the tracks are right next to the river when you go through Browns Canyon National Monument.

The noise and waiting time at train crossings is another big concern. Ours goes right across E Main st, the most heavily used road in our downtown area. I used to live behind that street and can't even imagine what the 4 way stop would look like it if was backed up multiple times a day waiting on trains. And what about local school traffic and busses going down E Main to the elementary and MS/HS routes. Our town has greatly changed in the last 10 years. Like most mountain towns, people want to move there, and we have become a hot spot on the map. Therefore, we have many more residents than 2 decades ago when the train ran through town. Times have changed.

I believe reopening the Tennessee Pass Rail line would be a mistake. A mistake for the the towns impacted as well as the environment.

Sincerely,

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