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As a lifetime resident of Porter County I lived in Boone township for 12 years, Porter township for 6 years and Morgan township for the past 30 years. Because the proposed rail line goes through all 3 townships, I have friends and family, many of whom are farmers in all 3 townships that would be affected by the proposed rail line.

*The proposed rail line will slice through many of their fields. Disrupting their drainage, and irrigation systems.

In 2005 I was able to purchase land and build a house in Morgan twp.

*And now in 2016 I am here because the proposal for the railroad comes within 85 feet of our property line and 116 feet of our home.

*Noise pollution/vibrations are huge concerns to my families well being, living that close to a railroad.

*the exhaust omitted from the # of daily proposed train engines, and possibility of coal dust, coming right next to my home is also a huge concern of ours.

*I am also concerned about contamination to our well water if there would be a spill or derailment.

I live on State road 49 and the plan also calls for an overpass on state road 49. This overpass would basically be in my front yard, so I am very concerned about *drainage from the proposed overpass.

*And the visual effects this overpass would have on our family home.

*I am also a father of 2 children that attend Morgan township school. The school is located less than a half mile from the proposed rail line. If there would be an accident of hazardous chemicals, the school would have very little time to evacuate our children to safety.

*I am also concerned that our small volunteer fire departments, would not be equipped to handle such a train derailment.

Thank you,

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