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Message: As a resident of Fishers, Indiana I am strongly opposed to railbanking. It is extremely shortsighted of Fishers to tear out an existing rail line and "railbank" for possible "future" usability. We know realistically and practically once the rail is gone, there is no coming back. Once a trail is put into place, there is no room for another rail. Why destroy what is already there (and at great cost to taxpayers)? The Fishers and Noblesville politicians behind this project have been far from truthful about agendas. Three public "hearing" or "listening" sessions were held in Fishers and Noblesville this past March. At one of the sessions, the public was given no chance to speak. At another, the topic could not fit on their agenda and had to be re-scheduled for another date. Most revealing is that Deputy Mayor of Noblesville, Steve Cooke has been fired from the project by Noblesville Mayor Ditslear because of e-mails released through the Freedom of Information Act. In a sample e-mail that I have attached, Mr. Cooke proves a strange bias for wanting "pro-trail" people to be front and center at these sessions since the "pro-rail" people were coming out in droves and were being very vocal. Supposedly, politicians were trying to get a "genuine" feel for what the public wanted. If this was the case, why would they care which way the public leaned? Additionally, I have seen nor heard any proof that trail supporters greatly outnumber those in support of keeping the already existing rails. We have signs in our yard, T-shirts, rallies at various community events and even businesses in Fishers and Noblesville are showing their support for the rails by posting signs in their windows. Thousands of pro-rail signatures were sent on a petition to the city but no response was received. Once these rails are gone, there's no coming back. Fishers and Noblesville politicians have made it clear that their agenda is trails, even though Fishers already has over 100 MILES of nature and multi-use trails already (according to the Fishers Parks and Recreations Department). Alternate modes of transportation to downtown Indianapolis are a must for the future as we are still extremely dependent on fuel and traffic gets

worse every year. Rails present a marvelous outlook for the future, if only corrupt politicians can put aside personal agendas and see it. Thank you for your consideration. I certify that these comments have been provided to the Applicant's Attorney of Record via

email. Abby Alterio