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To whom it may concern;

Modern times are times of thinking ahead, thinking about what works, what people want, how to make their wants possibilities, and how to make those possibilities into realities. While the cities of Fishers and Noblesville may express that people want only a trail, is that the truth? It is not. There are some people who wouldn't mind it, don't get me wrong - the loud, slow, long train running down the street in Noblesville. The train rumbling throughout backyards. But that is what makes that area unique. Many people of the surrounding area adore the rails. The railroad brings people together. It's spending time with your family. It's going to a different town and not having to deal with the hassle of driving there. It's making memories, all of the things we should want to do with our family members. Exploring new things is what this country was founded on. Even looking past a railroad museum, what about a commuter railroad? Look at examples like Chicago's Metra, New Jersey's NJ Transit, California's Metrolink. All largely populated areas with rail lines connecting the suburbs, just like the Nickel Plate between Tipton and Indianapolis. Think of all of the people that would ride a commuter train into work every day rather than driving. Think about all of the traffic and emissions that would cut down on. Making the flow of the area much better, and making the living environment healthier. And what about freight services? There are many opportunities along the 37 mile right-of-way for freight service, especially if one or both connections to the rest of the US National Rail System were restored. Indianapolis and the surrounding suburbs are large, rapidly growing areas. Freight trains could bring in building supplies for development, and ship commodities cheaper than trucks. Despite what the officials may have you thinking. There are positive things that come from having a railroad. There are people who want the railroad to stay. There are benefits to be had. This line is one of the oldest lines in Indiana's history, do we really want to let it go now?

Thank you,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Cody A. Phipps". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Cody" is written in a large, bold script. The middle initial "A." is written in a smaller, more compact script. The last name "Phipps" is written in a large, bold script, with the "P" being particularly prominent.