

June 1, 2016

Dear Mr. Navecky,

I am writing this letter to express my concern with the possibility of a railway being constructed in our backyard 300 feet from our home. I realize you are a very busy person and probably have had to sift through many letters similar to the one I am writing so I will try to keep this "short and sweet." To me, this proposed railway seems a ridiculous and unthinkable misuse of land. To pollute such a populated area's air, water, and land, and to displace families in the name of company profit is absurd.

I was raised in this area and returned to raise my children here for clean air and the carefree country lifestyle I grew up with. It was such a pleasure to build our home 5 years ago just down the road from where I spent my childhood days. And this home has been our sanctuary in every way a home can be. We have watched our children grow and battled cancer with our youngest; which has forced us into the isolation and solitude of our home and yard as chemo has kept all of us from most public settings other than the hospital. It is beyond heartbreaking to think of losing our safe haven. Along with my personal loss of home and concern for family and neighbors, I fear for all the wildlife around. We have a set of cranes that faithfully return and nest in the very marsh in our back property where the railway is set to come through and coyotes, raccoons, rabbits, deer, foxes, opossums, and a host of ducks, geese, and several dozen bird types call our 10 acres home. As the farmers in our area seem to be greedier and greedier habitat for all these creatures is being lost at an alarming rate. I have seen the number of birds alone that flock to our woods, yard, and marsh triple in the last 5 years as they are losing precious habitat. One can only imagine the impact a feat such as this would have. I implore everyone involved with this decision to use common sense and prevent such destruction from taking place. "Progress" can not happen in the form of displacing so many people and creatures from their homes and destroying what is left so as to poison those who can not leave. I am CERTAIN if more thought were given to this matter a more logical senerio could be established.

Thank you so much for your time and relaying my concerns.

Very Sincerely,



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Dear Sir,
If you put in the railroad
you will destroy my home.
You will destroy a lot of wildlife.
The tracks are 300 feet behind
my home. We have crains in
our marsh. All of the wild life
is so inportint to me. We have
a racoon and you will destroy
it's home. There will be so
much air pollution. You can't put
in the railroad tracks!

My Name is Olivia G. Overt.
And I am ten years old.



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