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Living north of Route 30 my entire life (59 years), I have had my life "interrupted" by trains on a consistent basis. Being a Griffith resident, it's unusual not to encounter a train on a daily basis. That being said, I am all for any rail line that might alleviate the congestion in northern Lake County. It has been my experience that the claims of protecting farmland, wetlands, etc. often become moot when the "saved" land winds up part of a monstrous subdivision. I don't understand why people in southern Lake County feel they need to be absolved of any progress (expressway, rail line). Indiana does not have a shortage of farmland. One need only look at any map to see we have a large proportion of our population gathered in urban areas. Also, I am offended by those folks who continue to say "Widen the highways up north, or use existing rail lines." Sorry, but we have already borne the brunt of these suggestions. When I grew up in Highland, there were 4 major rail lines cutting through town, and we used to guess how many trains would pass behind the football field during one game. Trains have had their safety issues, like all modes of transportation. However, rail lines remain an extremely economical way of moving the freight we need throughout our country...including south Lake County, Indiana. Count me "in" on the new rail line!