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I am a concerned taxpayer and live near the Upper Quihi District. My family came to this beautiful area in the 1840's to work and to raise their families. This area contains many ancient archeological sites. Such as a sinkhole where native Indians buried their dead, the 4-mile water hole, and the ancient rock wall.

I am a member of the Medina County Environmental Action Association and we are opposed to the SGR railroad. This Upper Quihi District is made up of old houses, barns, and an old blacksmith shed. These houses and barns were built with sweat and blood. Noise, dust, and vibration from the railroad will adversely affect this District. Also, the electric transmission lines for the quarry will ruin the aesthetic value of the District. The only action that can solve these problems of saving the Upper Quihi District is for the railroad to avoid it.

Sincerely,

Duane Wiemers