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Dear Mr. Navecky

I am writing this letter to request that you please review some significant concerns I have regarding the proposed Kewaunee Basin Transportation railroad.

The land selected in Wisconsin's Rock County is among the most fertile and productive farmland in the United States. There is only a limited amount of land available and once eliminated cannot be replaced. It is unconscionable to destroy this prime land. There have been other less destructive routes proposed that I ask you please consider as alternatives.

I am concerned about the effects a spill would have on the groundwater supply. Any hazardous materials carried in these trains would definitely threaten the quality of the water. I am especially anxious of the transport of crude oil and other toxins. Spills would not only affect the lives of the residents in this area, but also the quality of life of the wildlife and the livestock. The railroad cannot guarantee there will be no spills. How could they possibly do so with the amount of trains projected and the speeds they will potentially maintain?

The noise pollution that will be created by the quantity of railroad traffic is another problem I ask that you review. This is a wonderful peaceful area to live and work in. We value the beauty of this land especially in the summer growing season and the autumn harvest season. The noise of these trains would both interrupt the calm of the country life and be harmful to the productivity of the livestock. Man and animal alike would be exposed to increased stress and tension due to continual train noise.

I also wonder what will happen to our air quality. We currently enjoy clean unpolluted air with the occasional spreading of manure reminding us this is farm country. However, the residue emitted from these trains is unhealthy and offensive to the residents as well as the domestic and wild animals.

I ask that you please, please protect our land, our livelihoods and our lives from this proposed railroad. I have other concerns not least of which is how emergency response would be hampered, but I am certain this has been addressed by others. I appreciate your conscientious attention to these matters.

Respectively,

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