

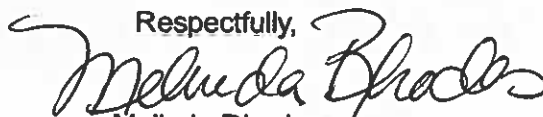
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Hi Mr. Navecky,

Just a short few words on the prospect of this railroad coming through our peaceful, removed from relative pollution hamlet. I've owned this property since 1999. The first 5 years I enjoyed many Monarch butterflies resting for a few brief days on my property in their journey to Mexico in late summer. This happened the same time every year - August. It was amazing that hundreds of butterflies would come and rest. In 2005 I let a friend who was in trouble park a big diesel tractor on my property for a couple weeks, which turned into several months. My Mexico butterflies did not like it. We are still trying to restore and replicate what we had before to bring them back, I think it is possible. I shudder to think what will happen to our nearly pristine environment if the train project goes through. It will come through about a mile from our house. We will not be able to see it from our home but many of our friends will be directly affected. And of course we will be affected by the pollution on the environment, noise, wildlife and otherwise. Not to mention what it will do to our already down from the recession home values. Please find an alternative to this plan it will badly harm our environment, this is pristine farmland.

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Respectfully,


 Melinda Rhodes

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