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Mr. Blodgett,

I'm totally against the proposed railroad. It would cause many problems for the community, some possibly disastrous. It would make it hard for farmers to get machinery to all their fields, and would cause unnecessary delays for fire and ambulance service. The route goes through my farm and this would cause devaluation of the property and soil compaction along the area bordering the railroad.

Derailments are a growing problem and that would be a catastrophe for the soil and ground water. This is a rural community with people depending on well water.

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Noise would also be a problem. Many farmers would have land locked, odd shaped fields on one side of the railroad which would be hard to farm and hard to get to. The electric company in this area is expanding and new proposed power lines that would be going through my farm would intercept with the proposed railroad. All the communities along the proposed route would be subjected to these same problems, too. Hopefully the railroad will never be built.

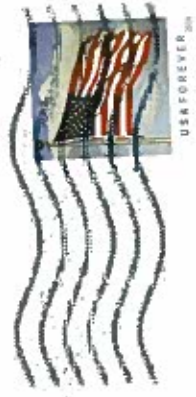
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