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Dear Mr. Hawkey,

I have written several letters about the impact of the G&B and I have tried not to take a "nimby" point of view. Of course, I don't want this in my "back yard" but it should not be in anyone else's either!

I wanted to write about how this would affect me personally, because there are hundreds of others who would also be devastated. This should be a significant factor in your decision.

I would lose at least $\frac{1}{3}$ of my land - a strip about 75' x 1200', only about 75 ft. from my house & well. Also, a bridge would go through my woods and over the river - the South Branch of the Kishwaukee.

I have spent 35 years here, planting trees, and native plants, removing invasive species, and restoring the soil in my organic garden.

I love the land and raised my children here. My daughter lives next door, where my parents lived.

I recently retired and have plans to spend the rest of my life enjoying nature & the solitude, and continuing to restore the wildlife habitat, as well as my gardens and forest.

Frank Patton says we should enjoy watching the trains go by our kitchen window. I wonder if he or anyone else would enjoy watching 110 trains a day go by at 70 mph, carrying hazardous and explosive materials.

Many of us stand to lose our quality of life, future, and peace of mind. Thank you.

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