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To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention there is a proposed railroad on the Tongue River in Montana. I am aware that you may be voting weather or not to permit this. It is my personal opinion that you do not.

Allowing the railroad will also allow yet another ~~more~~ coal mine to be created. which will greatly effect not only the environment but the local people as well. The Northern Cheyenne reservation is already bordered on three sides by different coal mines. These mines alter the landscape and effect the health of the people who live near by. Many experience high mercury levels and asthma, which could worsen with the new mine, which again is only feasible if the railroad is allowed. By preventing the railroad, we are preventing sickness.

The railroad would also be running through sacred land of the native people, land that

was appreciated by their
ancestors and should be
available to be appreciated for
generations to come. It is a
part of our American history
that should by no means be
destroyed.

I understand that this could
be viewed as an economic
advantage for the country, giving
us the opportunity to produce
more coal to export to China.
However, their gross domestic
product is not growing as much
as it has previously. Therefore,
their demand for an import
like coal would decrease -
any economist could see that.

Thank you for your
consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Madeleine Tesaro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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