

Dear Mr. Navecky,

I am writing to comment about the rail line that would like to run through the rock prairie in Wisconsin.

I grew up on this rock prairie and remember as a child the comments made about the quality and richness of this soil. It was always stated among my fathers farming friends that this area would need to be protected and held in high regard. These were very wise men. The quality of the soil, as you have no doubt heard, is some of the best soil in the world. It is totally incomprehensible to me, how this land can even be considered for development! How in good conscience can this quality land be used for a rail line? There are other rail corridors that could be put back into use that would be a much better solution. This soil, if lost to the rail line, is irreplaceable. Not only the land is lost but generations of farm families who have treasured this land, will be sorely affected. Land and farms would be cut up into sections that would make it a hardship for machinery. Routes of emergency vehicles would be negatively affected also.

Another question I have, that is very bothersome to me is, how can a private entity claim eminent domain? This has been mentioned. The law states eminent domain is a right of the government to take a private property for public use. This makes me very uncomfortable indeed!

I do hope and pray that your consideration of this huge decision is to refuse the rail line. Please do not let wealthy individuals speak louder than human decency. I am also concerned that the people of the rock prairie are not looked at as easy marks to be taken advantage of in any way. These people are fiercely loyal friends and neighbors who can and do count on each other for support in good times and bad. They are salt of the earth. Truly!

In conclusion, I respectfully ask that you refuse the rail line through the prairie land, it is a gift from our Creator that has been used to it's best potential for generations, and is held in high regard by it's stewards. Please do not destroy the hard work of so many kind and caring folks.

Sincerely,
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