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Tia Train Letter

My name is Tia Wilks, a life long resident of Porter County Indiana. Along with my husband I own a Feed and Garden store, Jake's Feed and Garden.

The proposed Great Lakes Basin rail project would be approx. 1/8 of a mile south of our store on State Road 49, and about 3 miles east of our home where it will cross and likely dead end Porter County Road 200 South. Our store employs one resident whose home will be 80 feet from the line itself.

Many of our customers have told us that there will be impacts on the direct routes they now use to access our business. Furthermore they have property that will be negatively impacted by this rail line.

We have a serious concern about the potential danger of hazardous materials being transported near all of our homes, our schools, and our business. If there is a derailment with hazardous materials as has happened in other areas with rail lines, it could be disastrous and have long term negative effects. In particular, Morgan School would have a concentration of school aged children to evacuate in a disaster situation, which has the potential of many young people being injured, sickened, or worse.

Please take note that the local opposition group has pointed out an alternative route that uses existing rail lines and accomplishes the same thing without all the taking of prime farmland and creating the problems outlined above.

This is not just a "not in my backyard" reaction – It is a "big picture" look at the risks and negative consequences to the many vs. the benefits to a relatively small group of individuals.

Sincerely,

Tia B. Wilks

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Valparaiso, IN