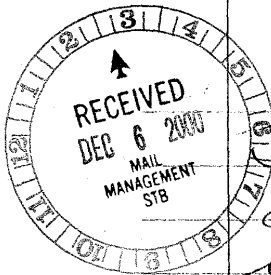


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In regard to the proposed ~~home~~ by pass of DM & E, or any by pass we ~~totally~~ oppose this. ~~Never~~ were we ever informed of such a thing - until we heard it on the news - and we own 4 pieces of property - plus that it would affect. In the country we also own three pieces of rental property within city of Bridgeport which are within one block of the rail - This was our choice when we purchased it - as well as any others who live by the track. The house should stay where they are - considering only the safety for emergency needs etc. This town wouldn't be here - if it wasn't for the railroad. I recently sold a house by the tracks and I got a very marketable price - I don't believe value lost - or they wouldn't have built or bought there in the first place.

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