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Re: Case # 08-97-RR-unc

To whom it may concern,

We would like to voice our objection to the permanent RR crossing closure of Township Road 256 and to have this letter entered into the case docket. Our objections are for the following reasons:

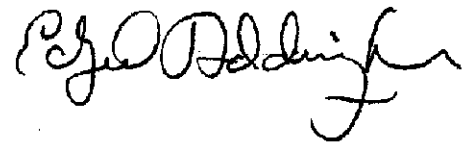
State Route 12 runs parallel to the railroad by 1/10 mile and there is a switch station less than 1/2 mile from 256. Emergency vehicles need a route, from the south, to access the north via 256 when other crossings are parked (which happens fairly often).

Farmers, who farm on opposite sides of St. Rt. 12, need to get to their fields without having their large, and slow, machinery impeding traffic and causing accidents with vehicles while having to travel a state route in order to get to them. We have school buses using 256, when other crossings are blocked, as well as a high increase of traffic at those times. The people, who live on and use this road, have no access to St. Rt. 12 other than driving back roads to Fostoria or to Arcadia. This can be extremely hazardous in the winter when back roads are treacherous.

Having lived at our present residence for 34 years, gives us the experience of knowing the conditions involving the blocking of crossings by Norfolk Southern. We have personally seen all of the crossings, from Fostoria to 256, blocked and, on occasion, seen trains sit for 1/2 a day without being split.

It has also come to our attention that the railroad has approached our township trustees before (thankfully with no success) on closing the only two crossings between Fostoria and Arcadia which have no gates! We don't care about gates - we care about having access to a nearby state route and for our safety in having fire and ambulance services being able to respond to our needs in a timely (and possibly life-saving) manner.

Thank you for your time,  
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John Addington



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