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Mr. Schumacher,

This letter is in regards to a current road/rail situation in Fairfield Township, Columbiana County at the rail crossing on Township road #1704 (Wisler Circle).

It is being discussed by the railroad, the Township, and a local business, that this crossing may need to be abandoned. I am **AGAINST** this happening.

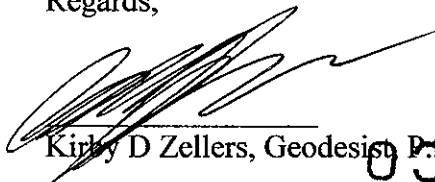
My position is based on several conditions. The first, and most important is the potential **safety** hazard that will occur when all the current, heavy, truck traffic will be required to use only Esterly Drive which is approximately 0.5 mile to the East. This intersection, off of SR344, is a downhill turn with a reverse hairpin back to the West. This is also at 55 mph speed zone area with other business driveway entrances.

The other less important issue is the noise associated with all the current, large, truck traffic at this industrial area. There are several long time residents along Esterly Drive that have already been effected by the increased truck traffic and potentially increased amounts in the future.

Thus, this railroad crossing has been and will continue to be an additional truck route for traffic proceeding West on SR344 toward I11. Also note that where Wisler intersects with SR344 there is more visibility and distant in both directions for semi-trucks to enter onto and from SR344.

If you have questions or comments please feel free to contact me at 330-482-3117.
Thank you for your time on this matter.

Regards,


Kirby D Zellers, Geodesist P.S.

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