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Dear Sir,

I spoke at the hearing regarding the closure of Logen Road in the Stanwood area that you held in Stanwood on March 30, 2009. I wanted to add to my comments at this time.

I am not against the train stopping in Stanwood but don't feel that it is necessary to close Logen road to accommodate BNSF. I use the road almost every day on my way to and from Stanwood. I also use it to go to Camano Island when I go there. My wife and I walk from our house to Pacific Hwy almost every day for our exercise.

I would like to reiterate that I don't think that the extension of the siding is needed. BNSF doesn't have any trains that move through this area during the time that the Amtrak is passing through Stanwood. I hear and see trains in the early morning and the afternoon and at night. They are all timed to miss the Amtrak train now so why would that change? If one of the reasons for the extension is to allow longer trains to pull over for Amtrak, how can a 5 minute stop by Amtrak change the way the railroad operates now? They are pulling over somewhere now, so why is a change needed?

One of the reasons stated by the railroad to close the road is safety. There has never been an accident at that crossing. Logen road can also be considered an evacuation route in the case of flooding or for traffic stoppages on SR532. There is not enough routes from the lowland to higher ground as it is. Dettling road is not that good of a road anyway.

There is a letter in the Stanwood- Camano News this week that does an accounting of what one could get for the \$5mil for the train station. Its quite an eye opener. Imagine what one could pay for by not extending the siding and thus closing Logen Road. A \$5mil station for 12 trips a day? What if the ridership doesn't materialize? Amtrak shuts down the station, abandons the stop, and we're stuck with our road closed. The railroad taketh away but never gives back. I propose that we wait to close Logen Road until we see if ridership will justify it. In the meantime, we can save the \$20mil we're giving to a private enterprise .

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,



Albert Burkland